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THE RESERVE

Defiant Yeltsin plays liberal card

Conscription and death penalty end

Yeltsin, fighting to recapture the confimonth's election, dramatiof his office last night when he issued executive decrees nasing out the death penalty

naintain Russia's shaky Russian army - still the largest in Europe - would be sional soldiers by 2000.

The unexpected move was certain to be popular with the refrain to be popular with the parents of a generation of panicky 18-year-olds who have been draft-dodging to avoid being sent to Chechenia. It was likely to be bitterly resisted by generals distillusioned with talk of army reform and starved of funds.

Visers and ministers responsible for starting it.

These would mean the heads of men on whom Mr yeltsin depends — General Pavel Grachev, the minister of defence; General Mikhall Barsukov, the chief of the Federal Security Service;

The phased abolition of capital punishment came after criticism from within the Council of Europe of this year's sharp increase in executions for convicted murderers. Mr Yeltsin has rejected pleas for clemency in all 46 cases raised by a human rights commission this year.

Mr Yeltsin is once again reaching out to Russia's disillusioned democrats in a bid to block Gennady Zyuganov, his Communist challenger, who is ahead in opinion polls. The president is believed to be try-ing to lure the centrist and moderate nationalist opposi-tion into an anti-communist pact by offering them places in a government of "people's

confidence". With his opinion poll rating stuck at 24 to 28 per cent, and many around him urging him to cancel the elections altogether, Mr Yeltsin appears to have been forced into high

He ordered his government to make army service more attractive by increasing pay



Austin



not only the dismissal of the prime minister, Viktor Chercomposed solely of profes- nomyrdin, and an immediate end to the war in Chechania but the dismissal of all the advisers and ministers respon-

> Lieutenant-General Alexan der Korzhakov, his chief bodyguard and closest confidant; and Nikolsi Yegorov, his chief of administration.

The extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky urged Mr Yeltsin to scrap next month's election and bring everyone into a "grand coali-tion". Asked what his price was, Mr Zhirinovsky said:
"We're not fanatics, so we're
prepared to take a block of judicial departments — the supreme court, prosecutor's office - and one economic department." He also wanted the fisheries ministry. "It's

harmless," he said. All this week pressure has been mounting on Mr Chernomyrdin. After he failed to turn up to a meeting of the State Duma to report on how the budget was being spent, 325 of the 450 deputies passed a motion criticising the gov-ernment's handling of the

economy.

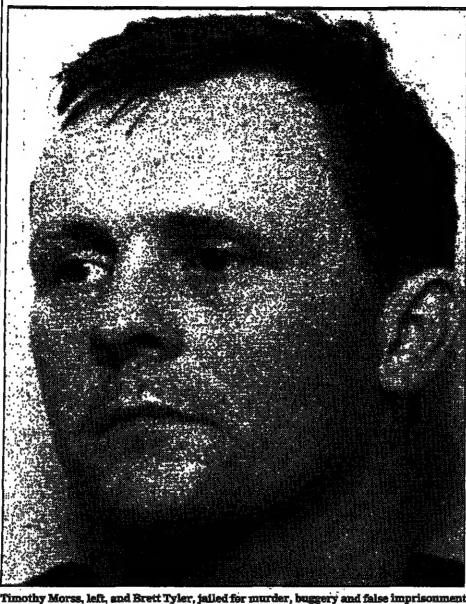
A possible exit for Mr Chernomyrdin has been prepared, with rumours that he could be moved to head the state-

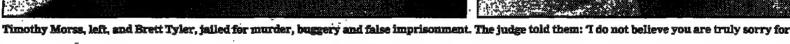
run gas company Gasprom.

The creation of a coalition The creation of a coalition government poses large problems for Mr Yeltsin, who in the later stages of his turbulent presidency has come to rely more and more on the the so-called Party of Power—the local heads of administration who have a key influence on the counting of the ence on the counting of the

The local elites, who run authoritarian regimes, particularly in Russia's national republics, have everything to fear from a democrat like Mr Yavlinsky, with his insis-tence on free and fair elections and true economic

Daniel Handley's killers told they must die in prison





As 'evil vultures' who strangled nine-year-old are given three life sentences, NSPCC calls for national register of convicted child sex offenders

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

WO paedophiles who lived out a fantasy of ab-ducting, sexually abusing and murdering a small boy were given three life sen-tences each yesterday and told they should die in prison. The case has led to calls for a national register of convicted child sex offenders so that their moves can be

radon gas

widespread

through UK

Timothy Morss, aged 33, and Brett Tyler, aged 30, both minicab drivers from east London, were convicted at the Old Bailey of the murder of Daniel Handley, aged nine, whom they abducted near his home in Beckton, east Lon-don in October 1994. They sexnally assaulted him above a minicab office in south Lon-don, strangled him and buried him near a golf course outside Bristol.

Morss pleaded guilty and that you serve exactly that," should never be destroyed Tyler was unanimously found said the judge as friends of and should be shown to any

hour. He had admitted ab and "the very, very high ducting and buggering Dan-iel, but not strangling him. The trial judge, Mr Justice Curtis, told the men they

were evil vultures who sought to satisfy their lusts on other people's sons.

"No society can tolerate men abducting a child of that age on a street in broad daylight," he told the two men who stared impassively from the dock. "You are both calculating men and I do not believe you are truly sorry for

lieve you are truly sorry for what you have done." He sentenced them both to three concurrent life sentences for murder, buggery

and false imprisonment.

I propose to recommend

risk" they posed to small boys, the judge said the pair should never be released. Mr Justice Curtis praised the police, who had tracked

Philippines and found Morss after appeals on BBC's Crimewatch programme.

The judge particularly commended acting Detective Inspector Stephen Kavanagh, who heard Tyler's confession in a videotaped interview in the Hallingians because he

the Philippines, because he had "resisted the temptation to attack a man who most men in the street thought should be attacked".

He added that the video confession and case papers should never be destroyed



guilty by a jury of four the Handley family wept in one who ever thought of ally abused from the age of women and eight men after the back of the court. Because releasing the men.

deliberations of less than an of the nature of their offences After the case, Daniel Hand-victions for sex offences inley's mother left the court volving boys. They had met in

> The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children also called for a register of convicted child sex abusers. Jim Harding, its director, said last night "All relevant voluntary and statu-tory bodies which work with children should have acress to information on the

> > trust

distress, and in the company of representatives of the News of the World. murdering a small blond boy, with Tyler looking for

victims. A third man, David Gut-tridge, aged 59, who had been Morss's lover and is also a convicted sex offender, was jailed for 30 months for per-verting the course of justice.

register."
Both men had been sexu-

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Anger as school plans to Radioactive build armoury for pupils

Paul Brown

WARNING letters will be sent to 100,000 homes next month offering free tests to households which may be exposed to dangerous levels of radioactive radon gas in areas previously thought to The tests will check

whether homes are over the "action" limit — 200 becquerels per cubic metre, the level at which people would have a one in 100 chance of contracting lung cancer after a lifetime's exposure. About 2,500 people a year die of lung cancer as a result

of exposure to radon, which is produced by naturally occurring uranium in soil and which seeps up through the ground and accumulates in field in Nottinghamshire and Cherwell in Oxfordshire are

among the new hot spots. Surveys in Wales and Scotland

Dave Hill FIERCE dispute has

broken out over plans
to build an armoury at a Dorchester secondary school, where firearms and live ammunition would be nsed by pupils as young as

The governing body of the Thomas Hardye Upper School will be invited to approve a feasibility package relating to the activity centre at a meeting next

Thursday.

The centre, thought to cost around £10,000, would contain an armoury and indoor shooting range suitable for .762mm small-bore rifles, which would be used by members of the school's combined cadet force. The scheme has aroused

strong opinions among governors, parents and pupils coming so soon after the Dunblane massacre and about the control of fire-

Two governors who strongly oppose the scheme have been pledged to silence following an emergency governors' meeting last week. But concerned parents are determined to block the plan. Zofia Dymitr, a homeo-

path who has a daughter in the school, claims "the whole of Dorchester has whole of Dorchester has been echoing with the sound of jaws dropping", since the plan became common knowledge. "Our children need educating not arming. It doesn't make sense on moral or financial grounds. After what happened at Dumblane and in Tasmania no responsible Tasmania no responsible body, especially one involved in education, should even be considering some-

thing like this." at the school, said: "It's an awful idea. It's an abomina-ble misuse of resources."

is named after a local businessman and benefactor, is the only state secondary in

It is voluntary-aided, which means it is principally financed by the local education authority but its funds are augmented by a trust, the Thomas Hardye Foundation, which owns most of the premises.

Dorset education author-

ity confirmed yesterday the school was not obliged to inform it of the intention to have an armoury.
A statement from the gov-

erning body said it was aware of concerns and the "sensitivity of this issue and emphasised no final decision had been made. The Department for Edu-cation said yesterday: "It is

Robert Cumming, who has a 15-year-old daughter at the school said: "Tesa" pupils and its staff when making a decision on this matter."

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Mesters champion Nick Faldo carded a frois in-one yesterday at the 7th during the Benson and Hedges International Open.

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Crossword 15; Weather 16;

Finance

Sketch

All of a spin in feuds' corner



Simon Hoggart

HAT happens when a spin doctor spins him-self? Take David Hill, spokesman for the Labour Party. On Wednesday night he briefed journalists about Mr Tony Blair's powerful words to the Shadow Cabinet on comradeship, and how reports of dissension among the brothers had been grossly ex-

aggerated by the media. Imagine Mr Hill's distress yesterday when he read ac-counts of the meeting in the newspapers, some of which implied that his — that is, Mr Hill's - words were actually

uttered by the leader himself. This might seem a small matter to you, but to a spin doctor it is life and death. It's as if our Lord had a spokesman: "No, no, he did not use the actual words, 'Blessed are the meek': instead he expressed a general belief in an ongoing best-case scenario for those currently deficient in

self-assertiveness skills." Quick as a flash Mr Hill faxed senior Labour party members to make clear what had really happened. This was a private message so it would wrong of me to quote from it. But the gist was that the media should be blamed for blowing out of all proportion his statement that Tony Blair was blaming the media for blowing it up out of all

roportion. I hope that is clear. But it does leave the physical problem of what happens when a spin doctor is obliged to spin on his own behalf. Presumably he becomes like a Black Hole, and disappears up his

own gyratory system. In the Commons the Labour frontbench feuders sat, like the Clampetts and the McCoys, ad-jacent but not talking. Gordon Brown said Treasury calcula-tions of public borrowing had been mistaken, and so the Chancellor's budget strategy

feeling

Derek Malcolm

Bertolucer's Stealing Beauty

give it away and to whom, isn't exactly a mouthwatering

prospect. Fortunately, how-

ever. Bernardo Bertolucci's

Stealing Beauty, in which the much touted Liv Tyler plays the girl, isn't entirely about

that, though there are points

in the film when one hopes she

will make up her mind one

It is set in and around a

Tuscan villa where the girl

goes after her poet mother's suicide. There, she scribbles

poetry and meets a group of

expatriates who will perhaps teach her about life. One may

be her father and another is the young man from a neigh-bouring family with whom

she shared her first kiss four years before.

smaller films, the first he has made in his home country

since Tragedy of a Ridiculous

Man. He is trying to create a

Mozartian atmosphere, well

away from melodrama and

You could also suggest a debt to Chekhov, though the

screenplay by an American novelist, Susan Minot, is not

This is one of Bertolucci's

TWO-HOUR film about a

young girl pondering her

virginity, if and when to

That uncertain

Mr Clarke chuckled amiably. Labour was in trouble if they were complaining about Treasury forecasts. These were always being changed Nobody, he implied, ever took them seriously.

He was like an astrologer: The honourable member complains that I told him that romance was in the air last Thursday, and yet he didn't get a single offer. Surely he is not so naïve as to imagine that the stars can offer more than general guidance . . . '

John Major came in. There was a moment of tension. Was he about to do a Bob Dole. cknowledge that he stands little chance of winning an

election, and resign his seat? No such luck: the British system does not allow it. But Mr Blair was kindly, as if to an elderly relative who will not be with us much longer. He inquired gently about prob-lems with the mass slaughter of cattle. It turns out that ther are some 120,000 on Death Row. Mr Major said the requirement to slaughter ca tle exceeds our capacity to kill

It seems like a perfect case for privatisation. If a Wiscon sin company can run our trains, surely the Texas De-partment of Corrections could organise a mass cull; they do

at home every day. Prime Minister's Questions are increasingly stylised, like sumo wrestling bouts. The Tories praise the economy and point out how damaging it would be to end child benefit for 16-year-olds. Labour finds every excuse to paraphrase the new Tory slogan: "it's still hurting, and it's still not

The saddest figure yesterday was Michael Fabricant. Some time ago I mentioned the question he had tabled for Mr Major: would he make a statement about the effect of Government policy on the people of Lichfield? I guessed that this would be an opportunity to roast the Government over crime figures, or BSE.

It must have been bitter in-deed to see it at the end of the list yesterday. Mr Fabricant twitched and glowered at his more verbose colleagues, but we got barely halfway to his question before the Speaker called time.

Poor Mr Fabricant, once again his finest hour is on per

quite good enough for that to be a large one.
The other inhabitants of the

villa include Jeremy Irons as a

hitter playwright dying of leu-kaemia who has his last flirta-tion with the girl, and Sinead Cusack as her hostess, on

French actor Jean Marais,

who is old enough to be be-

at the girl admiringly and

yond doing more than looking

speaking his mind. Finally, there is Donal McCann's art-ist, determined to paint her

but with troubles of his own. The whole is richly shot by

Darius Khondji, directed with

scene when he is taken off to

the film would be an unquali-

fied success. But they can't

and at times you feel a more

die in hospital is one of the

the kind of expertise one

Beef crisis leads to dearer meat and puts brakes on inflation fall at 2.4pc

Larry Elifott

HE beef crists has led to higher meat prices in shops after retailers compensated for enorced discounts on unwanted beef by even bigger mark-ups on lamb, poultry and pork, vas revealed yesterday. Inflation figures release

by the Government showed that the cost of non-seasonal food, which includes meat, rose in April, the first month in which the effects of the BSE scare were felt in the high street. However, the overall fig

ures brought some cheer to the Government, with the annual inflation rate falling to its lowest level since the autumn of 1994, and evidence that budget tax cuts have boosted living standards.

Inflation RPI excluding

Cheaper mortgages meant the annual rate of inflation fell from 2.7 per cent to 2.4 per cent last month. It would have dropped to 2.3 per cent without the BSE effect.

prices shaded .01 points off the retail prices index, but rises of 16.8 per cent in lamb, 10 per cent in pork and 5.3 per cent in chicken added .07 points, according to the Office for National Statistics.

8.9 per cent in the year to April, compared with the 5.7 per cent annual increase recorded in March. Since meat makes up around 2.8 per cent of the retail prices Index. ONS officials said the impact of BSE was to add .1 points to

Dearer meat also meant there was no improvement in the Government's preferred vardstick of underlying inflation - which strips out the cost of home loans. This

remained steady at 29 per cent, slightly above its target level of 2.5 per cent.

Angela Knight, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the Government was on course to hit its target, adding the inflation outlook area as good as it had been at was as good as it had been at any time in the past 50 years. Yesterday's data was in line with City forecasts, and most

Meat prices overall rose by analysts share the Bank of Rngland's view that underlying inflation will decline dur-

The ONS figures suggest that competition remains fierce in many of the 14 sectors covered by the retail prices index. Clothing and footwear are cheaper than a year ago, while the price of household goods fell by 0.5 per cent last month. In addition, chasper home

contents insurance, telephone rentals, bank charges, water charges and council rents helped keep downward pressure on inflation last month. However, some analysts said there were warning signs that the pick-up in consumer demand was leading to higher prices in some categories. They cited dearer leisure goods and leisure services as proof that retailers were start-

inner spending may remain robust over the coming months came from the ONS's tax and prices index, a measure of the pay increases workers need to maintain

their living standards. In March, the index was running at 3 per cent, but fell result of last November's tax cuts affecting pay packets for the first time

With earnings growing at an annual rate of almost 4 per cent, yesterday's figures sugcreasing by almost 3 per cent a year, giving ministers hope that the elusive "feelgood factor" may be about to return. Last year was the first since 1982 in which real take-home pay fell, but a 3 per cent rise over the next 12 months. would match that in the last election year of 1992.



Anna McIvor (third from right) in the guerrilla camp before the chase by Indonesian forces that led to freedom for the European prisoners but death for two Indonesian hostages

Kidnappers murder Indonesian hostages

whom everyone seems to de-pend. There is also the veteran One of the women among the four Britons held captive in Irian Jaya witnessed the killings on the trek to freedom

John Aglionby in Jakarta

■HE JOY of freedom would expect from this experi-enced film maker and acted turned to horror yester-day for the four British out with varying skills. Irons is outstanding and the students rescued by the Indonesian army in Irian Jaya when they learnt that the two Indonesian hostages had been murdered by their most moving in the film. But a lot depends on Tyler's portrait of the uncertain girl and, if looks alone could do the job, murdered kidnappers.

Anna McIvor, aged 20, was

experienced actress might have suited the part better. Still, anyone who has holidayed in Tuscany and perhaps hoped for a romance there will find some resonance in Stealing Beauty and ignore its faults. It creates a kind of nos-talgia that's difficult to ignore. The film's detractors — and there were plenty among the critics at Cannes — may wonder whether Bertolucci's lov-ing examination of beauty and youth isn't a little voyeuristic. In Italy, however, it is already

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

TONG KONG'S press reeled in horror yester-day after two well-dressed men strolled into the news-room of a new magazine and hacked off the left arm and right thumb of a prominent

the only witness to the kill-

ings as she had become sepa-rated from the other British

hostages — Daniel Start, William Oates and Annette van

der Kolk. She was found alone

in the jungle about an hour

after the others had been freed.

The murders occurred just before the army launched their rescue at 3pm (9am BST)

on Wednesday, according to

the hallmarks of the colony's notoriously brutal triads, which have long had links to the media through the control

affairs. He said: "Anna and the two

Lt-Gen Soyono, the Indonesian army's chief of general

Indonesians had become sepa-rated from the others when the Free Papua Movement rebels suddenly turned on the Indonesians."

One was axed in the back and the other was reportedly hit by a poisoned arrow. They did not die immediately but were dragged away," Lt-Gen Soyono said. "Anna was left in the forest alone. It must have been

awful for her."
Soldiers found the two bodies after talking to Ms McIvor and following the trail of blood through the jungle.

Details of the rescue | course of the previous five | while walking through the emerged yesterday, showing it was a far less clinical operation than had first been pre-sented. Lt-Gen Soyono said: Troops with sniffer dogs chased the rebels through the jungle for five days. Then

their exact position was lo-cated using thermal imaging equipment from a pilotless "Four helicopters then flew two sorties to the clearing. Special forces soldiers abseiled down and there was a brief gun fight."

Brig-Gen Prabowo Su-blanto, a special forces com-mander, said: "Two rebels were shot in the battle. Six bianto, a special forces commander, said: "Two rebels were shot in the battle. Six others had been killed in the capt fruit they had picked sorts of situations."

ter protection. "Today Leung

days of operation." None of jungle. the eight hostages was harmed.

Gen Prabowo was speaking at the Gatot Subroto hospital

dered looks on their faces it ever been involved. Mr Burwas clear they had endured ton said: "I don't know where

Graham Burton, the British

ambassador in Jakarta, also visited them in hospital He hostages there.

When they arrived they all had to be helped from the bus to the lift. All were wearing borrowed tee-shirts and tracksuit trousers.

From the grant state of the death of two people they spent four months with the lift. All were wearing they spent four months with the lift. again denied that the SAS had ever been involved. Mr Burgreat hardships in the last these rumours came from We few months. did, however, have two Scot-land Yard detectives in the area. And they are probably the best in the world in these

'Triad' link to mutilation of **Hong Kong** iournalist raises fears about press freedom

of street vendors and distribu-

A leading Hong Kong press group, the Oriental Daily News, was set up by two brothers known as "White Tin-wai; whose turn will it be tomorrow?" the Chinese language Mad Dog Daily asked.
"It is appalling to think that a journalist going about his business in a free society such as Hong Kong should be the victim of such a brutal and senseless attack," said the commence Chris Detter Powder Mas". They later fled to Taiwan to escape charges of heroin smuggling. The empire, which this week sacked most of the staff on its ailing English language paper. Eastern Exthe governor, Chris Patten, who has made the defence of

press freedom a main theme of the last colonial The assault is a new blow to

Hong Kong's press, ravaged former publisher, rag-trade Cocon takeover, page 7

anxious about its freedom after 1997. It took place minutes after Mr Leung had held a news conference to promote today's launch of Surprise Weekly, a glossy magazine fo-cusing on crime and show

business — another industry infested with triads. The anti-triad unit of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force is investigating the assault. Mr Leung was a founding editor of Next Magazine, whose offices were smashed up in 1993. The magazine's

police officials to demand bet | by a six-month price war and | magnate Jimmy Lai, has also been attacked.

When Mr Lai launched a newspaper, Apple Daily, last summer, it was plagued by triad intimidation. At the start of the press price war in December, unidentified attackers broke into his home and bludgeoned his head.

"Journalists must not censor themselves or retreat be-cause of this," said Yeung Kam-kuen, head of the Hong Kong Journalists Association. "We must fight back."

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Drive to end reading crisis

Donald MacLeod

the baroque

ATHIRD of inner city children start secondary school at least two years be-hind in reading age, the Basic Skills Agency said yesterday, announcing a £1 million programme to tackle literacy and

numeracy in schools.

The scale of the problem prompted the government body, set up to combat adult illiteracy, to move into the illiterate.

classroom to support poor readers. More than 500 secondary schools applied for

a success and there seems no

reason to suppose it will not

find an appreciative audience

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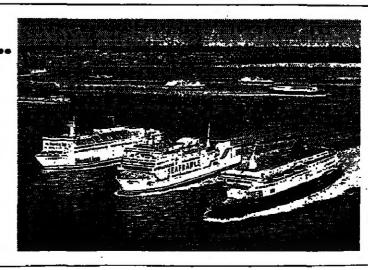
Alan Wells, the agency's director, said the schools were not necessarily representative of the country as a whole but showed a worrying situa-tion. In some schools four in 10 pupils were at least two years behind when they started. An estimated 6 million adults are functionally

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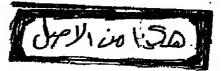
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Help staff to blow whistle urges Nolan

HOUSANDS of public bodies, from universi-

ties and schools to housing associations. told yesterday to set up whistleblowers' charters to help ensure proper use of nearly £16 billion of taxpay.

ers' money.

The Noian committee on standards in public life called for an end to a culture in which managers "shot the messenger" when staff alleged fraud or impropriety. Employees must not be disciplined or victimised proplined or victimised, provided they acted without malice and in the public interest.

Lord Nolan, in a letter to John Major, who set up the committee, said there was no "fundamental malaise", but his report called for more openness in the running of 4,600 bodies, including grantmaintained schools, further education colleges and train-

The Prime Minister promised to give the report "the close study it deserves." while Labour's Derek Foster. shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said the party would go further than Nolan and ensure local and regional authorities had the power to scrutinise "policies and actions of such quangos". He said: "Without such teeth, local accountability will

remain a pipe-dream."

The bodies studied by Nolan are governed by un-paid boards but mostly funded and supervised by national quangos, whose rul-ing bodies and chief execu-tives are appointed by the Government. The committee said these were responsible for identifying and remedying malpractice "yet in the few cases where things have gone badly wrong ... It has frequently been the tip-off to the press or the local Member of Parliament ... which has prompted the regulator into

There should be more care ful use of gagging clauses, and there should be opportunities to raise concerns confiden-tially inside, and if necessary outside, the organisations for which staff worked.

An approach that invited all staff to act responsibly to uphold the reputation of their organisation and maintain help to avoid cases when the | best disinfectant," he said. first reaction of management faced with unwelcome information has been to shoot the

Investigating bodies should be open about findings. The committee implicitly urged the Housing Corporation, Committee on Standards in monitoring more than 2,000 Public Life — Local Public

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PARTY AND ADDRESS.

APUBLIC health inquiry

Cornwall following the dis-covery of a cluster of child-

hood leukaemia cases in one

class at a secondary school in

Camelford, the town at the

centre of a major water pollu-tion incident eight years ago.

James Smith's Community School have been diagnosed

as having the disease since autumn. The two boys and one girl all aged about 14,

attended the same primary

school in the town. One of the

children died in January. Immediate action is being

taken to investigate what the

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly health authority described as an unexpected and remark-

ably unusual group of cases. It said the number of child-

hood cases of leukaemia in

the county would normally vary between three and nine

a year. Letters were being sent to

parents or guardians of all 642 children at the school last

night to reassure them about the steps being taken to inves-

tigate the case. The head-teacher, Angela Perhuutter.

said pupils in the affected

tutor group were being of-fered blood tests. David Miles, the health

authority's director of public

health, said yesterday that

the most recent case at the school had come to light only

He said the authority would

investigate whether there was

Three teenagers at the Sir

The report

ORD NOLAN'S report L.covers the quangos which control universities, further education colleges. grant-maintained schools, the Housing Corporation, which funds housing

associations, and Training and Enterprise Councils. All 69,000 members on the boards of these quangos are appointed by the Government and apportion £15.86 billion of public money between 4.592 institutions.

tify those cases where mismanagement or fraud had

"Confidentiality promotes rumour and exaggeration," it said. Housing associations receiving public funds should involve tenants in manage ment of properties

Training and Enterprise Councils should be more rigorously monitored by government regional offices. One of the committee remarked ves terday how one TEC, South Thames, "had to go bust be-fore anyone could do anything about it".

Boards of TECs should de-

clare when they awarded contracts to companies in which members had an interest, as part of a drive to inform the public about their work.
The report suggested that
no vice-chancellors from

English universities should sit on their funding council, to avoid conflicts of interest

— a practice already followed
by the Scottish and Welsh

The committee rejected representations that board members on any of the bodies should be paid or receive allowances, although they should be reimbursed for outof-pocket expenses. Lord Nolan said yesterday:

'We want fewer but better regulators and auditors." But bodies must have greater free dom on day-to-day management, or there was a danger that local control — once ex-ercised over schools, some universities and colleges — might be replaced by centra-lised control

James Tickell, deputy di-rector of the National Federation of Housing Associations said the naming of failing associations would become inevitable. "Sunlight is the The TECs said the report was a "clear endorsement" of

their existing practices on openness and integrity they had already adopted.

Second Report of the separate associations, to iden- | Spending Bodies, HMSO, £14.

any link with radon gas emis-

ford, in which 20 tonnes of

aluminium sulphate were ac-cidently dumped into a tank

at a treatment works near the

town. He did not think either

was a likely cause of the ex-

ceptional cluster. Where chemicals had been

associated with cases of can-cer they had tended to be or-

said. But expert advice was

Cluster of childhood leukaemia

cases in water pollution town



The mayor, David Miller, thinks the ban on the bells of the clock once wound by the young Stan Laurel (below) should have been challenged

Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for one in Ulverston

Martyn Halsall

ESIDENTS of a Cumbrian market town are preparing to resist moves to quieten the chimes of a historic clock, once wound by the young Stan Laurel before he became a

Hollywood star but now the subject of a bitter dispute between locals and and a recently-arrived outsider. The local council has been

forced to agree measures to subdue the peals to avoid facing disqualification from office after legal action was



cast "a big uproar" in the en suing quiet as the quarter-hourly chimes in Ulverston are muffled for the first time

in 150 years, to be replaced by quieter recording. The 29-22 vote by South Lakeland District Council to

town clock followed a year-long row involving Ulver-ston's most intermittent resi-dent. The woman, named as Juliet McKeon and reportedly from London, bought or in herited a terraced house in the lee of the clock a year ago, and began complaining about its chimes almost at once.

Proposals for silence be tween 11pm and 7am were opposed by 600 people who signed a petition, and by the

woman's neighbours. Council officials said the chimes produced decibels equal to a heavy lorry and were a "statutory nuisance" An initial decision by the hung council to let the chimes continue was answered by a

threat of legal action.
Officials told the 52 councillors they faced legal and fi-nancial losses which would Yesterday, market day in the home of the Laurel and Hardy Museum, produced a unanimous verdict against the sound of silence.

Surrounded by a potty and stone hot-water bottles once owned by Stan Laurel's grandfather, the irascible clock-winder Joe Metcalfe, Mr Cubin said: "I think it's absolutely diabolical that somebody who came in here for a holiday cottage in Ulver-ston can ruin the delight that people have had for 150 years.

"I lived for 22 years in King Street, virtually under the clock, and it never bothered me, and it didn't bother any of

my neighbours."
Mr Metcalfe, sometimes assisted by his grandson, had wound the clock every day, before it was converted to electricity, Mr Cubin said.

Miller, was disgusted.
"The only time we've had complaints was when it was broken down and people said: When are you going to fix it?" He felt the legal challenge

should have been contested. People had promised him their support, including help with paying fines. Mr Miller forecast continuing political resistance.

Phil Lister, a Labour councillor, said his group would bring the controversy up at the next council meeting. His wife, Sally, a teacher

said: "There's an awful lot of angry people. It would be like me going down to London and saying: Big Ben's too noisy; turn it off."

Ms McKeon could not be contacted yesterday. She was said to have kept a low profile during the dispute, acting

pressures IRA

David Sharrock and Patrick Wintour

RESSURE on the IRA to restore its ceasefire in-creased last night after creased last night after the Irish prime minister, John Bruton, and the SDLP leader, John Hume, welcomed John Major's assertion that next month's all-party talks should go ahead without the ssue of arms decommissioning blocking negotiations.

Mr Major's remarks in the sions or with the 1968 water pollution incident at Camel-

Irish Times, although deliberstely equivocal, were a clear attempt to persuade the IRA that talks on June 10 will be meaningful and to justify it renewing its ceasefire, the precondition for Sinn Fein involvement in the talks.

They reflect agreement in the Northern Ireland Cabinet ganic whereas the chemicals in the Camelford pollution had been inorganic. Dr Miles sub-committee meeting yesterday that the IRA can be wooed back into the peace process by offering a parallel strand of all-party talks under an independent chairmanship being sought from the Depart-ment of Realth on the 1988 incident and other aspects of clusters of specific diseases. He said the authority had on the issue of decommissioning. The proposal represents a compromise within the Cab-inet designed to win over been monitoring hospital ad-missions for patients in the Sinn Fein without alienating mainstream Unionist opinion led by David Trimble, the

the talks, something the IRA

has always opposed.
The Sim Fein president,
Gerry Adams, gave Mr Majot's article a mixed response.
He said that the Prime Minis-

ter appeared to be making "a positive aspirational nod" towards resolving the dead-lock over IRA weaponry, "but he doesn't tell us how it is go-

ing to be accomplished". He

area since 1988 but no particular trends had emerged.

"As a further precaution we have asked the school to inleader of the Ulster Unionists. It is still not clear to what vestigate the outcome of extent ministers will insist that weapons are actually handed over in exchange for political progress in the paral-lel talks. Mr Trimble is radon level tests, but again I believe this to be an unlikely factor. We are working very closely with the school." openly conceding that a weapons hand-over need not Two of the children at Sir James's were diagnosed as having the disease last occur at the start of the talks, but is still seeking assurances autumn. One died in January but the second child and the that they will occur alongside

hospital, Truro, and are said to be making good progress.

Dr Miles and the school's deputy head, Roger Kitching, said the mothers of all three children were living in the Camelford area at the time of the children's birth and the children had attended the same junior school.

latest sufferer are receiving chemotherapy at the Treliske

Mr Adams said he would not be dashing off to the IRA on the basis of Mr Major's article. The Democratic Unionist Party leader, Ian Paisley, in full election swing, accused Mr Major of an unpardonable act of treachery. In the article's key passage, Mr Major said that decommis-

on how the principles drawn up by the US senator George Mitchell could be taken forward without blocking the negotiations. In the article, Mr Major said the negotiations starting on June 10 "will be a genuine and serious effort to reach a

concerned". He went on to pledge that

of them". In a reference to Sinn Fein's demand for a fixed time limit to the talks he said:

process."
Mr Bruton said that

Bruton did," he said.

Major's article

said he would be writing to Mr Major to seek clarifica-

sioning would have to be addressed at the beginning of talks and agreement reached

comprehensive settlement covering all the issues of con-

the British government would work to make a success

"No one wants to drag out the

following Mr Major's article all political parties in the Irish parliament agreed that the conditions existed for the ceasefire to be restored. Mr Adams drew an unflattering comparison between the taoi-seach's speech last month calling for time-limited talks and Mr Major's article. "I'm atraid Mr Major has not matched that, he has ignored some issues and fudged others and failed to give the detailed breakdown that Mr

"I accept and welcome the implicit suggestion in his remarks that there will have to be a time frame. Now I want to know what that time frame is."



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Spanking advocates like California Assemblyman Mickey Conroy laugh off "ivory tower" studies showing that corporal punishment only deepens the incorrigibility of the young — after all, he was paddled as a boy himself and look how he turned out.

Barbara Ehrenreich, page 9



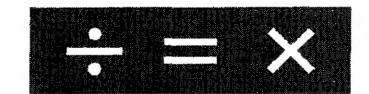
A Gallic kiss for a pupil at St Leonard's school, Easterhouse, and (top right) estate residents bid the French president adia



Chirac's spirits soar as resurgent estate shows the way

Erlend Ciouston follows French cavalcade to Easterhouse

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spoken about l'Anglomaragion d'Easterhouse, as the bilin-gual briefing referred to it, but yesterday an ebullient Frenchman in an olive suit put a different gloss on Glasgow's best-known housing estate.

For an hour Jacques Chirac shared pavements with some of Britain's most deprived citizens and emerged looking as if he had won the lottery.

It was a two-way trade:

Easterhouse, which is pioneering community initiatives, would let Mr Chirac
in on secrets that he could
apply to his own rundown
suburbs; in return, the 40,000-resident estate would benefit from the credibility that the presi-dential mission bestowed.

There was some dissi-dence about the second half of the equation. By the time the car bearing the Prince of Wales and his guest had swept up to Bishopsloch Hall, only one tricolour and 200 bystanders were on dis-play. Cynicism about Mr cleansing department's test at Europe's reaction to

Mr Chirac had his mind on another BSE, le business savoir-faire d'Easterhouse. Outside the community centre he was introduced to entrepreneurs who, aided by the Prince's Trust, have

unkind | between them taken about we been 10 of the area's 8,800 unemployed off the dole.

Garry Tibbitt and Michael Richford, manufacturer of electronic testing equipment, emphasised to the President the impor-tance of advertising the existence of any Trust Chirac. At the core of Easter-house's regeneration lies the work of eight housing refurbishing 16 per cent of the estate's 16,500 homes, and a unique insistence on grassroots involvement in every project of the Greater Easterhouse Initiative.

Mr Chirac was advised by representatives of the Greater Easterhouse Comject that his country's frac-tious estates would remain

so without well-supported neighbourhood forums.
The cavalcade disappeared into St Leonard's Secondary School where Prince Charles's money will help to find after. will help to fund after-hours learning sessions. Only 4 per cent of Easter-house school leavers move on to higher education, compared with 30 per cent on average nationally. The exuberant Mr Chirac

burst of energy was com-pounded by butcher briefed the French media Tommy Boyle's handouts of on the good ideas he was particularly impressed at the spirit of the children," he said. This will have cheered Marion Keogh, director of the Greater Easterhouse Initiative, who knows that 81 per cent of the estate's youngsters qualify for clothing grants.

Conspiracy allegation against PCs 'blown apart'

Martin Wainwright

ALLEGATIONS of a police perjury conspiracy over claims of sexual harassment by a young woman officer were dismissed as "com-

pletely blown apart" by an industrial tribunal yesterday.

Charges that a group of male officers held a secret meeting to agree a series of lies were described by the chairman of the hearing at Leeds as lacking any evidence.

Leeds as lacking any evidence.

His intervention followed denials by the West Yorkshire officers that they had sexually taunted PC Karen Wade, aged 27, and invited a dazed glue sniffer to have sex with her in the back of a police van. Police tutor PC Dean Mountain, 30, told the hearing. "She has made it all up."

Another constable on the eight-officer patrol which arrested the glue sniffer said he would have heard the alleged

rested the glue sniffer said he would have heard the alleged obscene suggestions if Mr Mountain had made them. PC Robin Schofield told the tribunal: "That sort of behaviour disgusts me. If it had happened I would have intervened and told Dean Mountain to shut up."

Mr Schofield was challenged by Maureen Baker.

lenged by Maureen Baker, representing Ms Wade, who accused him of fixing his denial with colleagues before action was taken by West Yorkshire's complaints department. But the chairman, Tony

Simpson, interrupted her to say that disciplinary officers had arrived without warning at Holbeck police station, where the men and Ms Wade were based. They had taken officers away individually for officers away individually for questioning specifically so that they could not agree a

"Your conspiracy theory is blown apart and there is no evidence to prove the collabo. ration you are suggesting." The hearing continues

RAF technician posted away after pregnancy wins £10,000

David Fairhall

THE Ministry of Defence could face fresh compensation claims following an award yesterday to a former RAF technician who returned to work from maternity leave to find herself posted 200

miles away.

An industrial tribunal in Norwich awarded Caroline Vine, aged 27, £10,000, saying she would not have been moved had she been a man. Mrs Vine was servicing Jag-uar aircraft at RAF Coltishall, Norfolk, when she became pregnant and her post was filled by a man.

incomparation of the choice of either St Athan, south Wales, or Lossie-mouth, in porth Scotland. She took the Weish posting, but left behind her husband, who also worked at Coltishall, and her 14-week-old son. The separation became too much, and she left the RAF last year — paying a £350 penalty for breach-

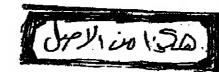
ing her 12-year contract.
The tribunal was told by
the RAF that she had known she had no guarantee of staying in her post and that the RAF's needs would have to take precedence. But after-wards ministry officials were more conciliatory, suggesting the "general policy is to try to accommodate personal

wishes as far as possible". The tribunal chairman said: "If Mrs Vine had not been a woman and had not become pregnant she would

not have been posted."

The ministry said it would take legal advice on the decision's implications, including the possibility of an appeal. It has had to pay millions of have been sacked illegally be-

Several hundred servicewomen become pregnant each year, and it was admitted in Norwich that one in three RAF mothers were posted away after maternity leave.



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Duncan Campbell, Christopher Elliott

HE group therapy ex-police officers who are sep-session for sex of arated from other prisoners

share cells and grouping pedition, in trouble with the

sex offenders, informers and a loaded air rifle as a teenager

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arated from other prisoners

for their own safety — could reinforce their obsessions. "I

always worried about what

was happening on the land-

ings in the evenings outside

the therapy sessions," he said

and Owen Bowcott on how a prison officer's memory of a therapy session led to the arrest of two paedophile killers

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prison listened as Timothy

Morss outlined his favourite

fantasy. He wanted to pluck a

blond boy, aged between eight and 13, from the street, take

him somewhere quiet, bugger

him, strangle him and then dispose of his body.

ficer_co-ordinating the meet-ing for those dismissed as

sentence for indecency. It was his memory of that grim fan-tasy that finally led to the im-

prisonment of Morss and his fellow-murderer, Brett Tyler, at the Old Bailey yesterday for the murder of Daniel

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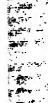
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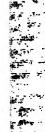
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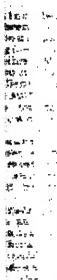






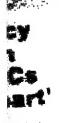














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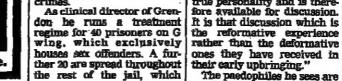


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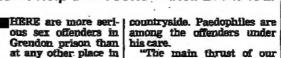
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psyches, to find out what leads them to commit these



treatment is in the therapeu-tic community that adheres to

certain principles developed

minicab office in Camberwell

There they took him upstairs

house in east London. Daniel

slept on the floor of the car,

in the latter part of the war.
"This gives people a chance
to express themselves in an atmosphere that tolerates

ones they have received in their early upbringing." The paedophiles he sees are B prisoners in the gently un-dulating Buckinghamshire of the most enduring charac-

posure to sex at an early age and an inappropriate time.
Paedophilia manifested itself not only as an obsessive

as their true occupation rather than their stated job or

profession. Of its nature it required secrecy and it was fuelled by fantasy as in the case of Morss and Tyler, who conceived their plan of abduc-tion in prison, the expression of which during a group ther-apy session led to their arrest when a prison officer rememwhen a physic criter remembered it.
"Pornography is the thing that amplifies and jacks it all up, that's how they get their maintenance dose ... The capacity to think up a fantasy

reward.

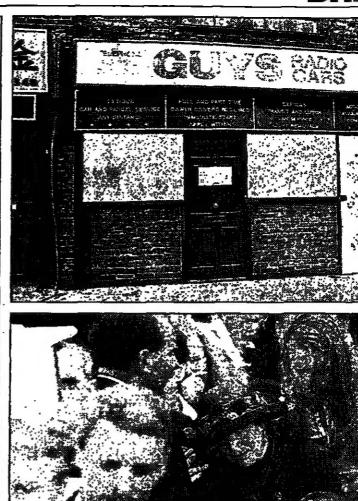
they have been caught but can they express remorse?"

Sex offenders account for between 8 to 9 per cent of all those within the prison sys-While the number of mur-

ders of children have gone

down, there is evidence, ac-cording to Dr Lewis and his

colleagues, that the incidence of paedophilia is rising. Ezz Shaban, a psychiatrist at Grendon for three years, believes that many of the reasons lie in post-war social and cultural change. "Most offences are committed by stepfathers. However, there permissiveness created an expectation of sexual freedoms.



and jailed for four years for attempted buggery and gross indecency in 1966.

In the interim he had survived on odd jobs as a waiter, dishwasher and driver, lying and an 11-year-old boy. He serving briefly in the Royal Guttridge, 59, a chemical engineer, whom both had met docks, flooded gasometers, inside and who had fallen in love with Morss.

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Morss's self-confidence.

Morss had also been abuse

later.
"Even in the therapy session you never really get through to the paedophile. He always thinks he is right." A consultant psychiatrist, who had briefly taken Morss on as a satisfic the description. as a child and had dabbled in ing for those dismissed as a patient, had also warned police of the ex-prisoner's mates, recalled Timothy dark desires. Morss's words long after he had been released from his ner for Morss, both as an acsentence for indecency. It was doned by his mother as a baby, he was sent to Barnardo's, sexually assaulted at four before returning to his home three years later when his father remarried. He was sexually experienced by the Cook had long feared that age of 12, when he and a allowing sex offenders to friend had sex on a fishing ex-

was the stronger character and suggested that he and Tyler team up when they left prison.
This they did, working for Guy's Cars minicab firm in Camberwell, south London, a company owned by David

years, reduced to five on appeal, for buggery. He sug-

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Timothy Morss... abused as a child and had dabbled in burglary as a teenager. In 1985 he was jailed for seven

Guttridge was serving a seven year sentence for sexually abusing his 10-year-old son but decided to try todeal with his behaviour. When he left prison he sought psychiat ric help and never re-of-fended. His attempts to per-suade Morss to do the same were in vain. Guttridge also owned a florist's in Bristo where Morss worked durin the week. Both would spend the weekends at the cab firm. But Morss drifted apart from the older man who resented his frienship with Tyler, with whom Morss

would spend the weekends having a few beers, smoking

joints and cruising working-

class areas on a "chicken-

hunt", looking for small boys.

They chose such areas be-cause they believed the boys would be less chaperoned than in smarter parts of the city. They pointed boys out to each other, dismissing them for being "too small" or "too But on the first Sunday afternoon in October 1994, they resolved to fulfil their fantasy. Their victim was a familiar figure in Beckton, east London. A cheerful nineyear-old with his hair some times in a pony-tail, spinning around in a red boiler-suit on around in a red boller-sun on his silver BMX bike or hop-ping on to one of the local buses. For a few pence, he would help people load their shopping into their cars at the local Asda.

Daniel's home was with his

friend, Alexander Joseph aged 21, in one a cul de sac Lobelia Close. But his home life was far from ideal: one detective described his house as a tip. Neighbours say that Daniel would often go round to a friend's house for a bath and a hot meal.
When Daniel Handley dis-

appeared there had, at first,

been no panic. But when he had not returned by nightfall,

worst. At Ilpm he was

mother, Maxine Williams,

aged 34, and her new boy

dure" as the police described it at the time. It was another six months, however, before the remains of Daniel were found in a shallow grave near the Woodlands golf club at Bradley

home, an "elimination proce-

Brett Tyler . . . the perfect partner for at four before home three years

investigation developed, it had become clear that two men had approached Daniel on the day he disappeared. They had been seen standing by the open door of a silver or grey car. One had been show-ing Daniel a map while the other had been sitting in the The men were Morss and Tyler. Once Daniel had been pulled into the car, they had was discovered that Morss and Guttridge had a home in driven to the flat above the Bradley Stoke close to where

and told him to undress, try-ing to get him to drink a vodka. Daniel said he did not want to take part because he had already done it once, did not like it and had been "blamed" for it. After they had finished sexually abusing him — and filming themselves as they did — they promised they would take him home. But Tyler went to pick up a spade and pitchfork to dig a grave from his unknowing father's

and into a layby where they knotted a rope. "Are you going to kill me?" asked Daniel.
They told him they were not claimed to have married Filiround his neck and told Tyler to help him. Tyler, or so he claimed later, apologised to the boy while helping pull the rope tight. They felt his pulse.

He was dead. It took them nearly four hours to dig a grave in the hard ground. On 30 May last year,

Morss. Abandoned by his mother as a baby, he was sent to Barnardo's, and sexually assaulted returning to his

following an appeal on the BBC Crime Watch pro-gramme, the investigation egan to fall into place. The broadcast triggered memories for Edward Cook and the consultant psychiatrist. The police had already been looking at known paedo-philes, trying to find a link between Bristol and London. By a process of elimination it

father remarried

When Guttridge was ap-proached, he confessed that he had been waiting for the police to knock and told them that Tyler and Morss were the killers. Morss had made the chilling remark "one fuck -what a waste" when discussing the murder. It emerged that both had fled to the Phil-ippines with Guttridge's help. But the pair fell out there and

the body was unearthed. Their names went straight to

the top of the suspects' list.

pino women, Morss saying he was paid £3,000 so that the woman could get into the

United Kingdom. Friends there recounted how the men had parted. Tyler had confronted Morss and warned him to stay away from children in the house and the two men had fought.
While Morss was held in London, refusing to admit his

interviewed. He recounted in a low voice as he smoked Marlboros how they had abucted and killed Daniel. Shortly afterwards, he was deported as an undesirable alien on a plane with the British detectives. On his return to Britain, in late June 1995,

he was charged with Daniel's murder, a charge he contin-

ued to fight throughout the

guilt on tape, police flew out to question Tyler in the Phil-ippines where he agreed to be

trial. Although media coverage may suggest such killings are increasing, it is not so. The clear-up rate for sex crimes involving children also continues to improve. More than 90 per cent of all gross indecency offences involving chil-dren are solved. In the latest

annual figures, for 1994, there

were 28 homicides in the 5 to 16 age group, fewer than in remain most at risk from their own parents or stepparents. Attempts are meanwhile being made to curtail the activities of paedophiles abroad — particularly in the Philippines and Thailand through the Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Bill and stricter law enforcement within those two

countries. This has led to some "sex tourists" moving

to India and Cambodia. The

UN Children's Fund believes

that there are as many as

60,000 child prostitutes in the

About 250 police searched the area with a blown-up photo of the boy, asking periodically waking up to ask if they were home yet. On the way to Bristol, they south London. He also told them where Tyler was hiding in the Philippines with his ing boiling water over them or relieving themselves in everyone for a last sighting | pulled off the M4 motorway | Filipino lover and two chil- | their food. Perversion without cure

Christopher Elliott meets the head of a treatment team for sex offenders which seeks to help them control their behaviour

> degrees of behaviour which would under other circum-stances be deemed inappropriate.
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> "We allow people to mani-fest in front of staff and other immates the characteristic be-haviour which shows their true personality and is there-fore available for discussion. It is that discussion which is

in itself becomes a pre-occu

"What may also happen is

teristics of paedophiles was forcement of paedophilic fan-that they experienced an ex-

extent of snuff movies. We doms and it's easier to have to interrupt that rein- achieve it with a child."

Philippines.
Morss and Tyler are un-Morss returned home. Guttridge told the police likely to find themselves in the same group again. But where they would find him at an address in Rotherhithe, they can expect to be shunned by fellow-inmates, who may deal with "nonces" by pour-

> 'Paedophiles can be corrected. They have to learn how to manage their sexuality. We have to give them some sort of emotional understanding that what they are doing to a child is harmful

pation. They get concomital sexual arousal which is a very positive reinforcer of their condition. The preliminary fantasy is paid off by the are also signs that the 1960s' that the fantasy becomes less There are a lot of inadequate effective. Therefore they have men who are not being able to houses a total of 220 category of all ages and come from all to elaborate it, maybe to the actualise these sexual free-

Tension as Gibraltar votes

Anger and vitriol have soured the hustings, writes Adela Gooch

dibralter went to the polls yesterday fearful of violence and of a future that more uncertain than

"It's quiet enough now, but I'm not so sure what will happen after the election." said a

The colony's security services were taking precautions in case disturbances broke out on election night. There have been fights at a number of campaign events, and much vitriol.

Joe Bossano, the incumbent chief minister, accused his opponent, Peter Caruana of the Gibraltar Social Demo-crats, of being "a fascist like

Aznar".

José Maria Aznar, Spain's new conservative prime minister, has increased tension in Gibraltar by taking a strong line on Spain's de-mand for the territory to be returned to its control.

If Mr Bossano is defeated, many Gibraltarians fear a backlash from the "Winston boys" who smuggle drugs and tobacco across the strait between Morocco and Spain. They believe Mr Bossano will be less harsh on smuggling than Mr Caruana.

"I don't ever remember such a tense campaign," said one resident. "People are checking flying from each window. That never used to happen."

Poor relations with Spain and Britain, the economy and smuggling are the issues which drove Gibraltarians to vote in record numbers

A last-minute effort by Mr Bossano's Socialist Labour Party, running on a tough "give Spain no hope" mes-sage, narrowed the gap in the polls with the Social Democrats, who want talks with

Nevertheless, the polls sug-gest the Social Democrats will have a 3 to 10 per cent

Housing estates near the border were once solid Bossano territory. Yesterday the red and white Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party flag still hung from many win-dows, but voters were divid-ed. The divisions reflect age

and social class.

Members of one family remained loyal to Mr Bossano, except for the daughter. "I think Gibraltar needs a change," she said.

Loyalists believe that only Mr Bossano can stand up to Spain. "I prefer what I've got to what might come," said one woman, Dom Abas. "I'm 75. I remember the dove riots when people like the Social Democrats tried to sell us out to Spain before."

But others think Mr Bos-sano's play for self-determination has gone too far.

"He's a good man but he thinks we can go it alone without Spain or Britain, and that's just unrealistic," one voter said.

If the poll forecasts are confirmed, the new chief minister may not necessarily be the Social Democrat leader but Peter Montegriffo, a 36-yearold lawyer who was educated at the local comprehensive.

Anger at 'racist' tourism plan

ACOUNCILLOR in the Grand Canary capital, Las Palmas, has launched a scheme to boost tourism by moving tramps, drug addicts and other "social misfits" from the town centre to a new purpose-built "city for the

But the plan has drawn strong opposition from councillors who consider it "racist and brutally insensitive". Rafael Vines, the conserva

tive councillor in charge of social welfare for the capital, described his proposal as a fitting solution to the city's homelessness problem and a way of Las Palmas recovering

its glamour.
Many disagree, however "It is like going back to the vagrancy laws of the middle ages," said Rafael de Saja, of the regional government.

The councillor's scheme has not been well received by the new Popular Party-led government in Madrid, which hastened to dissociate itself altogether yesterday.



Sealed with a kiss . . . A supporter greets the chief minister Joe Bossano on the campaign trail

Sherlock's own French connection

France has claimed a top sleuth, reports Paul Webster

on the ground that even Dr Watson would have to ex-claim: "Elementary, mon cher Holmes, you have the blood, the brains and the flair of a Frenchman." For the next three

months, the French Sherlock Holmes Society will provide evidence from a dozen adventures to prove that the Baker Street sleuth would be several volumes short of an opus without his French ancestry and a fascination for Gallic art and science.

At the opening of an exhibition in Paris devoted to Holmes's split loyalty, members of the society even made the bizarre claim that they had discovered a grave in the French capital where they believe the fictional character was secretly buried in 1957. Thierry Saint-Joanis, the

society's chairman, gave a guided tour yesterday through the scenes of Holmes's cross-channel connections which have been recreated at the Bilipo, the library of police literature. "It was Sherlock Holmes himself who revealed his debt to his French fore-bears in The Greek Inter-preter," Mr Saint-Joanis

"He told Watson that his grandmother was the sister of Horace Vernet, the French painter. As Holmes said, art can spread through the blood in the most varied ways."
Watson's reminiscences

show that Holmes spoke French fluently, and dotted his conversation with French expressions. His visits to France, both for detective work and pleasure, were numerous.

"Holmes refused a knighthood but accepted the Légion d'honneur," Mr Saint-Joanis said. "No thoroughbred Eng-lishman would have done that. As far we are concerned, Sherlock Holmes is

Anglo-French."

The discovery of a tomb-Père Lachaise cemetery may well end all specula-tion on where Sherlock's heart truly lies but, in the meantime, the most important elements for amateur inquiries are on show in the museum near the rue des Boulangers — Bakers'

Street. A waxworks Holmes sits in the recreated parlour of 221b Baker Street, his nose pointing towards displays that expose French links with stories as varied as A Study in Scarlet and The Six Napoleons. Exhibits show how the

famous detective put French police methods under the magnifying glass. Twice, in The Hound of the Baskervilles and The Naval Treaty, Holmes refers to the French detective Alphonse Bertillon, a pioneer of scientific policing. In The Illustrious Client, Holmes mentions an-

There is no doubt about the origins of his transfer into the Gallic conscience

other French detective beaten up in Montmartre. There are also personal glimpses of his attachment to France. While on the run from Moriarty's murder-ers, Holmes takes refuge in Montpellier, the home of his ancestors. His baggage is watched by the profes-sor's thugs at the Gare du Nord's left-luggage office. Even if Holmes fanatics

haunting Paris in Victorian costumes as part of the show fail to prove the reallife connections, there is no doubt about the origins of his transfer into the Gallic conscience.

In The Sign of Four, the French detective François Le Villard calls on Holmes. The Frenchman releases what Watson recalls as a "stream of superlatives" coup de maitre, tour de force, magnifique — before disclos-ing that he has translated Holmes's scientific essays

into French.

As the exhibition shows, this was the first of a massive collection of France's "Holmesologie" which culminates in tomorrow's rechristening of the rue des Boulangers as Baker Street, complete with its own 221b.

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World news in brief

illegitimate, says his PM

HE Bosnian Serb prime minister, Rajko Kasagic, denounced Radovan Karadzic as an "illegitimate president ... leading our people into ruin" yesterday after Mr Karadzic tried to sack him.

The attack reinforced international pressure building up for the Serb leader's swift extradition for trial by the UN war crimes tribunal in the Hague, which has indicted him twice.

Nato's political and military chiefs demonstrated their support for Mr Kasagic in Banja Luka before travel-ling to Belgrade to seek Mr Karadzic's surrender from the Serbian president, Slobo-dan Milosevic.

Mr Kasagic said he ex-pected to be replaced quickly by the Bosnian Serb parliament but would remain in office until it ratified his dismissal. "With my discharge, the entire governmnt is breaking down," he warned.
Political sources said the
rift between Mr Kasagic's

moderates in Banja Luka and the hardliners gathered around Mr Karadzic in Pale was now too public to be repaired.—Reuter

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Karadzic rule Clinton rejects ban on 'dumb' landmines

AFTER months of internal debate, President Bill Clinton has decided to limit the kinds of landmines in the US arsenal but will not ban them outright, the White House said yesterday. Mr Clinton has directed the

armed forces to discontinue the use of "dumb" landmines — those that do not deactivate within a set time — and will

call for international negotia-tions on a total ban after 2001. But the dumb mines will continue to be used in Kores and for training, the spokes

Mr Clinton's decision is sure to stir controversy in Congress and in some quar-ters of the defence establish-ment. Some military experts, like the retired Gulf war com-

mander Norman Schwarzkopf, favour an immediate unilat-

The spokesman said the decision reflected "the president's responsibility both to those who have been vic-tims of these landmines, but also to people who serve their country in dangerous places like the (Korean) DMZ."—Reuter

Prodi set to be Italian PM

PRESIDENT Oscar Luigi Scalfaro summoned the Italian centre-left leader Romano Prodi to his office yesterday and was expected to ask him to form a new

Mr Prodi, whose Olive Tree alliance won last month's first leader to form a govern-ment in Italy that includes the left for nearly 50 years. He has said he will move fast to form a cabinet, proba-

bly by the weekend.It is ex-pected to include the outgoing prime minister, Lamberto Dini, as foreign minister and the former prime minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi as treasury minister. — Reuter.

Russia spy row deal 'imminent'

night, as Moscow insisted that a decision on expul-

AFACE-SAVING agreement on an end to the Anglo-Russian spying row may be imminent, British officials indicated last and demanded that nine British diplomats leave

general election, will be the President may ignore poll

People in the Dominican Republic yesterday voted on who will replace long-time leader Joaquin Balaguer, but the president showed signs he

may not step down.

He is not running for the first time since 1966, but his reinstatement this week of a retired general accused of human rights violations prompted the leading candi-date, Jose Francisco Pena Gomez of the Dominican Revolutionary Party, to warn that the president would stay on at the slightest pretext. — AP.

Biggest drop The biggest drop of troops and

equipment since the second world war has taken place in North Carolina. Operation Big Drop III was a training operation involving 5,100 | homeland. -- Reuter.

sions had been taken and communicated "through

Moscow after a Russian official was caught spying: But the Foreign Office threatened retaliation.

British and American parachutists. - AP. Tutsis killed

About 10 people, believed to be Rwandan Tutsis, were killed, 30 were wounded, and 60 went missing in an attack on a monastery at Mokotos in eastern Zaire, the Red Cross said yesterday. Hutus were blamed. — Reuter.

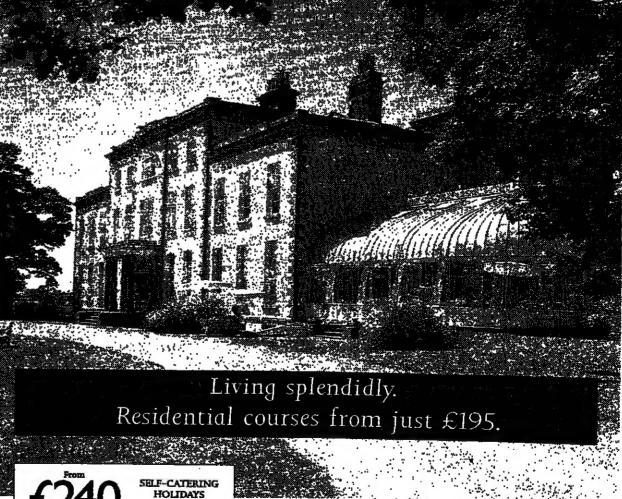
> Students clash Black and white students fought each other in running battles at Pretoria Technikon polytechnic yesterday. The violence erupted over black grievances concerning high fees and stiff entrance requirements. — Reuter.

Jaffna 'falls' Sri Lanka's military said yesterday it controls the entire northern Jaffna peninsula. Tamil separatists' would-be



How better to show a world in technological turmoil than with motorbikes roaring like bottled flies inside a huge see-through globe? Or to suggest human fragility than with sex on a trapeze?

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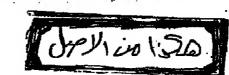
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Alarm as China charts an ocean takeover

But the battle goes on, writes Suzanne Goldenberg in New Delhi

OWER rested as naturally on Atal Bihari Vajpayee's shoulders as his customary saffron shawl after the Bharatiya Janata Party leader was sworn in as India's prime

minister yesterday. Beneath the chandeliers of the presidential palace.
Mr Vajpayee took his oath in Hindi, a sign, along with the shawl in the holy colour of Hinduism, that "If we are not able to prove the state of the colour of Hinduism, that "If we are not able to prove the state of the colour of Hinduism, that "If we are not able to prove the state of the colour metallic that the col nationalist government.

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The brief ceremony, which included the swearing-in of 11 cabinet ministers, was boycotted by politicians from the National Front-Left Front alliance and regional parties.

The alliance, which has said it was cheated out of power, has vowed to bring down Mr Vajpayee's minor
then we will withdraw our selves and say we can't run the government, but we will strive hard to prove our majority," he told a meeting of party activists in the Shiv Sena leader, But the Shiv Sena leader, Bal Thackeray, has threat-activists in the event of defeat.

down Mr Vajpayee's minority government in a confi-dence vote which must be gress party, which lost from the fringe group it nearly half its seats in the was a decade ago. general election earlier this

vote against Mr Vajpayee. Shiv Sena Party, with and had handed out copies which the party is in a ruling coalition in the western BJP leaders were still state of Maharashtra. In a trying to get used to their sign that — in public at new status. A minister least — the BJP would like revealed that Mr Vajpayee to move away from its had been shocked by the upper caste Hindu chauvin- speed with which the presiist reputation, the cabinet includes a Muslim, a Sikh, Sharma, called on and a member of India's form a government.

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Other appointments in-cluded Jaswant Singh as finance minister, Murli Man-ohar Joshi — a hardline former party president -as home minister, and Sushma Swaraj — BJP's spokeswoman — as information and broadcasting minister. The former jour-

nalist and rising star of the party Pramod Mahajan was named defence and parlia-mentary affairs minister. Mr Vajpayee will be both prime and foreign minister. There bad been some race and been some wrangling over the home ministry, which Mr Vajpayee wanted to give to Mr Bakht, party sources said.

Despite the deep bitterness with which his government was installed, Mr Vajnayee appeared partyrisked.

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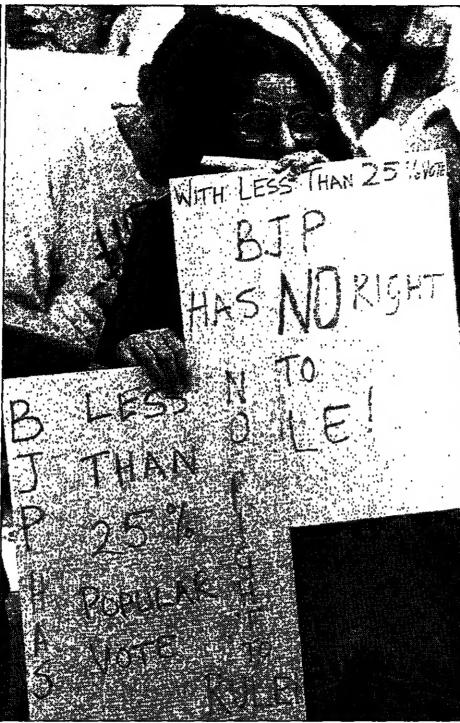
defeat. Mr Vajpayee's reign may be short-lived, but the

was a decade ago. In Calcutta, the Indian Chamber of Commerce said month, yesterday re-difference that it too would it trusted that a BJP govvote against Mr Vajpayee.

Ten of the cabinet ministers are from Mr Vajpayee's BJP, and one is from the more extreme requests for its manifesto,

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Poster campaign . . . Protestors in New Delhi make their feelings about the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party known yesterday

John Gittings

HINA has agreed to abide by international law in the South China Sea — but has done so in a provocative manner which is likely to cause alarm.

The area under Chinese jurisdiction will be "expanded". Beijing said yesterday, by nearly 1 million square miles. It also promised "better protection" for China's island resources, including the Spraty Islands, to which six countries have claims.

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The Chinese statement announced agreement by the standing committee of parlia-ment to abide by the UN Con-vention on the Law of the Sea, which is expected to be ratified formally next month. The move has been welcomed by South-East Asian countries because the convention pro-vides for international arbitration — which China has previously rejected. Beijing's claim yesterday to

be "expanding" its control of the sea may be designed to satisfy domestic hardliners.
Their influence was shown in the recent Taiwan Stratt critical depends on whether its claim to all the islands is accepted.

China, Vietnam and Taiwan Claim all the Spratly Islands, while some are claimed sis, when army leaders pressed for tougher action during the Taiwan presiden-

features prominently in Chinese propaganda. Chinese garrisons are praised for showing patriotism "as deep as the South China Sea".

The Law of the Sea conven-tion provides a limit of 12 nautical miles to territorial waters: it also establishes a 200-mile exclusive economic zone off a nation's coasts, although this is open to interna-tional passage, overflight and laying pipelines.

Maps invariably show a dotted line which encloses the entire sea

This is the basis of China's claim to have expanded the sea area under its control from 142,800 to 1.2 million square miles. But it does not confer sovereignty over the sea: China's argument also

by the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei. At present 37 islands in the centre of the artial elections.

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occurs.

In a separate dispute China, Taiwan and Japan claim possession of the Sen-kaku Islands, about 250 miles

west of Okinawa. Chinese intentions have al-ways been hard to read. Last year China occupied a reef disputed with the Philippines

and appeared to challenge Indonesia.

But Beijing then agreed to refer the South China Sea question to a meeting of offi-cials of the Association of South-East Asian Nations

next month. Chinese maps invariably show a U-shaped dotted line, dating from the Nationalist regime before the 1949 Com-munist victory, which en-closes the entire South China Sea. This often causes alarm by seeming to suggest that China claims the entire sea as

its territorial waters. Chinese lawyers have said that it only indicates a claim to "preferential rights" in what are regarded as "histor-ic waters". Only the islands are regarded as under actual Chinese sovereignty.

But Beijing's statements have not been consistent and some of the confusion may be deliberate. The test of China's adherence to the convention will be whether Beijing ac-

Mongolia drafts fire plan

Reuter in Ulan Bator

ONGOLIA'S leaders met yesterday to hammer out plans to fight dozens of fires that have ravaged the country and threaten the capital Ulan Bator, offi-cials said.

The governors of 21 provinces gathered in the capital to report on the progress of the fires that have swept across much of Mongolia during the past month.

More than 26 fires are rag-

ing out of control, while fire breaks had contained dozens of other blazes, civil defence officials said.

Soldiers and firefighters | Mount Bogdo" — a peak have contained a blaze 19 | which flanks Ulan Bator to miles from Ulan Bator, but the south. Rain has extinguished an-other blaze about 28 miles the fire continues to smoul-der, blanketing the capital in smoke. About 500 soldiers and from the capital, but seven

350 firefighters armed with only shovels and a few bottles of water are battling the blaze a police officer said. Officials warned that high officials said. winds could easily spark new flames which could endanger the capital.

"The fire is under control at the moment," the police of-ficer said. "But one windy day could make the flames
surge back. Whatever the situation, we are fighting to
keep the blaze from reaching
the flames
caused an estimated £1.2 billion in damage to an already
frail economy.

other fires are raging out of control in central province, which surrounds Ulan Bator, Fires have ravaged huge swaths of Mongolia's woods and steppes during the last month, killing 17 people, in-juring 62 and destroying more than 31,000 sq miles of forest and pastureland.

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London falls into line

The IRA must now reply with a new ceasefire

serious about the all-party Northern Major has now at last made quite clear that it is. The Prime Minister's article in yesterday's Irish Times leaves a number of things blurred, and the cautious reactions to it have to be judged against the virulent tradition of republican suspicion about British truthfulness. But it is unambiguous on the central question. London will not now stall the talks over the issue of weapons decommissioning.

This is a genuinely welcome change from the British position last year. Fifteen months ago, Sir Patrick Mayhew set out a precondition for all-party talks which became known in Ulsterspeak as Washington Three. It demanded "the actual decommissioning of some arms as a tangible confidencebuilding measure". That precondition created an impasse, and arguably helped to provoke the end of the IRA ceasefire. It has taken most of this year to extricate Britain from its self-created hole, but Mr Major's article is a vital step in completing that process. Decommissioning, it says, must be "addressed at the beginning of the talks" and the Mitchell Report's recommendations taken forward. But this must be done, says a crucial phrase in the article, "without blocking the negotiations".

This is not the end of all discussion on the subject. But it unquestionably aligns the British with the Irish government in seeking to place decommissioning into a separate but parallel talks process, the so-called "fourth strand". It also means that, once the May 30 elections have taken place, the two governments will be back on the track of using the Mitchell Report as the basis for future progress. Decommissioning is no longer a precondition. The way now lies clear for substantive discussion on all

IF THE IRA doubted (as it certainly did) | issues. The agenda is open, says Mr whether the British government was Major's article, and Britain is committed to "a genuine and serious effort to Ireland talks planned for June 10, John | reach a comprehensive settlement covering all the issues of concern and

acceptable to all concerned. At the start of this week the Sinn Fein hierarchy asked for reassurances from Mr Major himself that the talks would be comprehensive and unencumbered by preconditions. Within days, Mr Major has given a public and positive answer. There are still preconditions, above all the requirement for the IRA to resume its ceasefire, but the road is open on the basis which Irish nationalists and republicans alike (and others too) have long advocated. It would be a terrible missed opportunity for the IRA not to respond with a fresh ceasefire. It is surely now the IRA's turn.

Mr Major has removed one blockage It is necessary to understand that there may yet be others. The IRA may not announce a ceasefire at all. Or they may do so on ambiguous terms. Mr Major's article asks for "unequivocal restoration". Experience warns that people who want to get bogged down in disputing whether something is unequivocal or not may easily do so. Then there is the substantial matter of Sinn Fein's acceptance of the Mitchell Report's six principles of non-violence and commitment to democracy. Mr Major's article says all participants in the talks "must be able to show" their commitment to the principles. It is neither clear nor agreed what the appropriate proof of that might be.

Mr Major has got the peace process back to where it should have been in January. He has not achieved fresh progress. The tone of his article yesterday was characteristically pragmatic. Yet if he wants a ceasefire and more which he does - he also needs to be creative. Whatever else he does, Mr Major must not now rest on his oars.



Resignation is not enough: Bob Dole needs new ideas fast

WITH ONE bound, Bob Dole is free, but free to do what? As the pundits were quick to say yesterday in Washington. "you can only quit the Senate once." When admiration for the Republican presidential candidate's athletic leap has waned, the voters will be watching what he does and says next. A lacklustre campaign, condemned even by his own party's pollsters for being "moribund and lacking in charisma" still has to be brought back to life.

After winning the nomination two months ago, Mr Dole had returned to Congress quite deliberately, seeking to engage Bill Clinton on legislative ground. His strategy was to force the president either to yield to Republican pressure on issues such as welfare and the balanced budget - and alienate Democrats in doing so - or to stand firm and alienate middle America. It did not work that way. Mr Dole got bogged down in partisan disputes which created the impression that Congress, not the president, was holding up legislation. He was saddled with the negative image of House speaker Newt Gingrich, whose unlovely star is now plunging as fast as it once climbed. His advisers warned that he was creating the impression that Congress came first: now he has to convince the electorate that America comes first.

Mr Dole's friends have applauded his decision, comparing him variously to an unhooded falcon and a soaring eagle. Yet his reputation and experience has since when were fundamental issues been so much centred in the Senate that | the essence of a presidential contest?

no one really knows if he is capable of spreading his wings. His announcement of the decision to step down fluffed the chance to spell out new ideas for the presidential campaign, though lack of a clear programme has been as much a handicap as his entanglement in Congress. The calculation now is that this will be a contest of "Dole of Kansas versus Clinton of Washington DC." There was a reference in his speech to the wisdom of the American people and the traditions of old railroad towns, yet that sort of folksiness will not readily sustain another six months of campaigning. On a more practical level, Mr Dole can no longer rely on his Senate role for cost-free promotion of his presidential candidacy. Already close to the official funding limits, he is now going to have to pay his own way. The law allows the Republican party to publicise the cause but not the

candidate Mr.Dole's decision can be expected to produce some immediate improvement in his poll ratings, where he trailed Mr Clinton by 38 to 58 per cent. Most voters appear to believe he took the right decision — though most still think he is going to lose. Mr Dole has now pledged himself to discuss "fundamental things, consequential things, things that are real" instead of, presumably, the trivia and the inconsequential in which he has dealt up till now. Perhaps after all he has one hidden advantage - for

Curbing the car by consensus

Labour's plans suit the majority but are they radical enough?

LABOUR'S draft transport policy is less | local authority experiments are not of a green paper than a Brown one - so little is there to offend the shadow chancellor's pre-electoral avoidance of tax or spending commitments. The paper, to be considered by Labour's policy forum this weekend, is marked "this is not a statement of party policy" just in case there is anything left in it to scare the chickens. There isn't, and that in a curious way may be perceived as its strength. By eschewing radical solutions - like draconian controls on cars, corporate perks and an end to road building - it won't alienate voters necessary for its implementation. Labour wants to move with the majority to reduce car congestion by consent. This means juggling with existing taxes (like the crude vehicle excise duty) to reduce congestion by shifting taxes from ownership to usage, and by penal-

There will be a 20-year strategy setting goals for car use, public transport, walking and cycling (a symptom of a Blair government's self-confident longevity?) embracing five year plans. The paper rejects privatisation of buses (where 25 per cent price increases have led to a fall of 25 per cent in bus use) and of the railways without committing itself to reversal. The most welcome idea is a study into prospects for a highspeed rail link from the Channel Tunnel to the northern regions and Scotland as well as London. The document quotes some mind-bending statistics (eg car travel rose by 55 per cent between 1975 and 1994 while bus travel fell 38 per cent and cycling 25 per cent) without generating confidence that these proposals would be able to do much about that let alone tame future growth of the ising energy wastage and pollution. car. Maybe the consensus just isn't Motorway tolls are out (shame) but ready for it.



Letters to the Editor

Domineering members | Fleeing from the foe into the arms of the unfriendly

right to say that Parliament is supine and government far too dominant (Arena, May 6). But his proposals for strengthening the select-committee system will not make Parliament significantly more effective, because the main political parties are understandably averse to giving Parliament more power in a situation in which one party forms the government and the other is waiting to do so.

What is needed is a more independent Parliament: a transfer of power from the government to the Speaker, whose independence has never been exploited. The Speaker should control the timetable for legislation, should have the power to invoke special procedures for legislation which threatens civil rights, and should be entitled to enforce the account ability of ministers. New parliamentary machinery should be introduced to include a research department to pro-vide analytical backup for members; a department that gives the Opposition access to Civil Service expertise; and new services for visitors and hot's "great engine of popular | over bills from one parliamen- | London SW1A 0AA. John Garrett MP.

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has allowed a vacuum in which infantile personality

MONY WRIGHT MP is | politics can take root." In the | tary sessison to the next has absence of a real difference of principle, petty sniping fills the void. Labour's proposed reforms would only accelerate the move away from real debate, handing government over to the "expert" members of pre-legislative consultation committees. More confrontation, not less, is the key to a real democracy. James Heartfield.

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T IS not that too much legislation is passed in the Houses of Parliament rather, it is the wrong legislation in-troduced for the wrong reasons. Governments favour high-profile bills to enact the latest political fad, in the hope of winning a few votes at the next election. Bills which are seen as mundane, but which could make a valuable contribills are often not controver

YOUR leader (May 15) echoes Labour's belief that Parliament is "too confrontational", but I think Colin Adkins's assessment (Letters, May 15) is closer to the truth: "A preponderance of career politicians and the absence of political discourse

bution to the framework in which business operates and real people live out their lives, are repeatedly squeezed out. Paradoxically, because these sial, they could be passed with little parliamentary time.

its attractions, it also has its dangers. A clear deadline concentrates minds and forces compromises which otherwise might drag on for years. Cedric Hoptroff. 20 Great Brickhill Lane,

Little Brickhill. Milton Keynes MK179NQ. UCH was made at its Welsh conference last

ek of the Labour Party's wish for the Welsh Assembly to be representative of the whole of Wales and to be more than "Labour's mouthpiece While I am delighted that Ron Davies has made the point that the Labour Party will not own the assembly, he and his colleagues are blind to the concerns about the assem-

bly's role.
The main weaknes Labour's assembly are the failure to recognise the need for it to have primary legislative ability, full financial responsibility and direct access to the EU. Only then will the assembly have adequate power and the people of Wales can be sure of proper accound Dafydd Wigley MP. Plaid Cymru President,

Hong Kong.



Bomb ticking

THE potential contamina-tion of casework discov-ered at the Defence Research Agency (DRA) forensic laboratory is no surprise (Bomb-shells in the lab, May 16). That trace analyses of explo-sives should be conducted in a laboratory on a site where massive amounts of bulk explosives are handled is an arrangement the stupidity of which has been pointed out often before. But the scientific arguments have been ignored, and the arrangement is a compound of politics and commercialism.

The present mess might have been avoided if the issues had been openly de-bated but, until now, the DRA has refused to accept any possibility that casework mate rial could have become con-taminated either in their earlier laboratory at Wool-wich Arsenal (despite the Ma-guires) or at the present site. In the Judith Ward Appeal (1992), any exploration of a contamination issue was thwarted by the Crown, advised by the DRA.

There are, of course, many questions that must be asked oncerning the centrifuge, and other possible contami-nating sources of explosives apart from RDX. But such questions are not relevant to the fundamental issue which, it seems, Professor Caddy's brief will not permit him to address. There is no meritable justification whatsoever for the conduct of trace-explo-sives work at the DRA site. The work should be taken elsewhere, away from all conceivable sources of contamination. The techniques and expertise involved are not peculiar to DRA - they are available elsewhere. (Dr) John Lloyd.

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Health, in a poorly state

May I1 and 13). No doubt the economists who designed the scheme will blame the Government's implementation and advocate stronger "incentives" to increase the use of cost-effective medicine. The frony is that GPs who

efuse to prescribe ineffective sary treatment will be viewed with suspicion by patients who regard their motives as purely financial. Yet another example of economic medicine which makes the patient's prospects even Ruth McDonald. 64 Darby Road,

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THE real problem with regard to the financial instability of these unelected NHS quangos is that they are top heavy with bureaucrais. administrators and managers; the new NHS fat cats with their extravagant salaries and

Since its inception, the NHS remains a wholesale purveyor of unproven remedies, as described by the late Professor Archie Cochrane. He recom-mended that it should be sub-Cotham, Bristol BS6 5SR.

SO, GP fundholding isn't, | ject to a searching objective after all, the best thing evaluation and all treatments since sliced bread (Letters, | and therapies shown to be wanting in effectiveness. carded. The resulting NHS would be smaller, cheaper and (Dr) JE Morris. 71 Oxford Road,

> PROFESSOR Alan May-nard (Letter, May 11) is right. Rationing is already happening but on a random basis. If the public were asked to choose between keeping an elderly person alive in a pert vegetative state and providing prompt treatment for a child with acute appendicitis, I suspect most people would have little difficulty in deciding but the hard choices

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between these two extremes are currently being made in a scandalously covert fashion. This will continue unless politicians are honest about the situation in the NHS and stop devising more complex and expensive administrative systems designed to obfuscate the problem and shift the onus of responsibility away from central government.

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Driving in the wrong gear

transport policy proposals (The car's no longer the star, tation will be made available Society. May 15). It really is to all who are interested over quite daft for anyone to write the summer. The refined pro-an article attacking a policy posals will then be submitted document that they have not read. The allegations made about the content of the document could only be made by a person who has not seen it. Our draft transport policy

will be submitted this weekend to Labour's Policy Forum which consists of elected for Transport. members from all regions and parts of the party - half of London SW1A 0AA.

OGER Harrabin has whom are women. This is far clearly not seen Labour's from an elite group of men. The outcome of this consulto our conference in October and become the policy which we take into the election. I look forward to an intelligent discussion on the real document in the coming months. Clare Short MP.

Shadow Secretary of State House of Commons

(May 13) that the Vietnam-ese refugees should be treated humanely. Hong Kong Chinese racism is shockingly deep seated. They view the Vietnamese as inferior, lazy,

In a city of more than six million people, are 18,000 Viet-namese, most of them locked in camps for years, really a burden? In one of the most affluent cities in the world, does the cost of supporting the Vietnamese (0.3 per cent of the population) create such a severe deficit that the refugees should be kicked out?

Britain stirred up the problem by trying to divert attention away from its embarrass-ing kowtow to China over Hong Kong. Hong Kong people were led to believe that their greatest and immediate threat was not from Beijing, but from

Britain, which declared Hong Kong as a first-asylum port, and the US, which created a mess in Vietnam should shoulder most of the blame for the current

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AS Martin Woollacott says (Worlds upside down, May 274 Banbury Road, 15), more people are now flee- Oxford OX2 7DZ.

AGREE with your leader | ing conflicts than at any time since the second world war. But 50 years ago governments did not just hope that it would never happen again. They put in place international laws designed to protect refugees and help prevent the violations of human rights which help provoke war. We are seeing enormous suffering because have forgotien about those in-

ternational commitments. The UK, the EU and others are reducing their long-term development aid, and giving little diplomatic attention to preventing wars before they erupt. Far too little is being done to ensure people's rights throughout the world to education, health and a say in their future; all those things which together add up to a stable society.

When refugees are forced to

flee, they often receive a lukewarm welcome from governments which strain and some-times flout the international ments they have signed. It is better to have international law, however violated than none at all. But without the mechanisms or the political will of governments to en-force it, the law is not able to refugee crisis. Ed Cairns.

Policy adviser, Oxfam.

About the Norman conquest

WOULD be more impressed with Diana Norman's claim became an unattainable goal that it doesn't help to have a So much for nurture, eh? famous name (Letters, May 15) if the offspring of the fam-ous made their way under a different name. No doubt Martin Amis would have made his mark under the name of Mar-

tin Bloggs, but it would cer-tainly have taken longer. To say it does not help in broadcasting to be a Dimbleby or in journalism to be a Law-son is like saying that plain and ugly people will do as well in the acting professions as beautiful people. It would be nice to think that they would but it just ain't so. Terry Mullins.

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Unlike Cyril, Sinead, Sor-cha and Naimh, this Cu-sack last found himself on stage at 14 in our school's 1978 performance of Julius Caesar. However, I did not follow my father Eddy's calling as an electrician either, despite his 48 Henry Road, assertion that he'd get me a job with North Tyneside Nottingham NG2 7NB

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TS not nepotism, it's nurture, we're told. If that were so, I'd be driving a bus like my father rather than studying for a PhD after working at the Foreign Office. The difference is that some of us don't have daddy's money to fall back on. Paul Kennedy. Wimbledon London SW19 1BS.

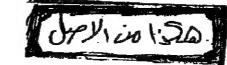
COME off it, Mrs Norman! I cam sure that your daughter "struggled to learn her trade as a freelance journalist", but her column in the Radio Times reviewing film videos happens to be next to her dad's reviews on — guess what - films! Joyce Oldfield.

A Country Diary

blacksmith does general repairs to metalwork as well as working with equines, a farrier only shoes borses. No union hours here, he is concerned to do the job at once so that the hoof does not become broken. We still have a living forge in this village, a warm comforting place redolent of burnt horn and glowing coke. I often call in for a chat. Business is brisk although the farrier is often in his van now, visiting local stables. Like all farriers, he no longer makes horseshoes from virgin metal, it isn't economic, but buys in a quarter ton of ready-made shoes and knocks them into the shape of his customers' hooves. "Some of my contemporaries have gone into wrought iron and metalwork. They thought the recession would kill the horse trade. It hasn't. People with horses in the blood never give up and kids will always want pomes.
Having run a gentle hand down my horse's foreleg, he is black horse on the rump.

VERONICA HEATH

NORTHUMBERLAND: A | on his anvil to shape it. Deloose shoe on our horse and spite exhaustive trials to renour farrier is called in. A der the horn of the hoof hard enough to withstand work under our modern conditions without shoeing, a horse's hoof will not harden sufficiently to work unshed. So the forge is the lifeblood of a rural equine community. "Riders are very safety conscious. They like to know that their horses have the best foundation to stand on and a new set of shoes isn't cheap." Actually £28 and they only last about 4 weeks. Acrid blue smoke is now billowing as the farrier fits the glowing iron to the hoof. Satisfied, he quenches it in a bucket of water and starts nailing the shoe to my horse's foot, clipping the ends off the nails, easing them with his hammer to allow for natural horn growth. He fetches a tin full of glutinous black oil and slaps some over the hooves. Make this mix up meself. Horse fat, soot and cow's urine. Make yer nails grow, this would. There we are,



Matthew Norman

NROLLED today in the Diary Academy of Scottish Football Heroes is Jim Farry, head of the Scottish FA. Although the Scottish FA. Although
he is currently suing the
Sun for calling him a "dictator", it is a fight with another paper that concerns
us: Mr Farry has banned the
Daily Record after it
printed a photo in which he
looked glum. His letter on
the subject is a classic. "Unless I receive an acceptable less I receive an acceptable written applogy from the in-dividual(s)" — note the gor-geous pedantry of that (s) — "any level of co-operation hitherto found helpful to your newspaper" (what language is this?) "via my own personal involvement is at an end." An assurance that it meant no personal insult wasn't good enough, and so Mr Farry instantly ended all contact between the SFA and the Record. Magnificent. He takes his place in the Academy alongside Fergie, Scotland's most foul-mouthed fan, and Syd Webster, who in vain argued that Arbroath should

was suffering from piles. RESH from his stewardship of OJ Simpson, PR genius Max Clifford focuses on the campaign to install sane and rational Paul Johnson as editor of the Catholic Herald. Max sees exposure as a key. "I advise Paul to lift his profile and to show how caring he is." But how? "Well," says Max, "he could save wayward souls. He could save Paula Yates. And Fergie. By teaching her it is better to give than receive." Isn't this a bit ambitious for so novice a do-gooder? "If he wants that editorship," says Max, "he's gotta really go for it now."

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HE form guide to candidates for Lord Chief Justice (Diary forecaster Steptoe chooses the winner late next week) begins with Sir Thomas Bingham, the Master of the Rolls, whom we watched in action yesterday. Tall and thin, and believed to be bald under his wig, Sir Thomas has the air of an irritable schoolmaster. His usual lunch is a beef or ham sandwich and a pot of tea. As for his bow - a paramount consideration — this yesterday seemed a curious thing, being deep and fulsome, but involving a sudden hand movement in which he hitched up his trouser legs preparatory to sitting down. Notwithstanding this inelegant traft, and since he has been gentler on this Government than some, Sir

N important exchange is reported in Hansard. 'Lord Kennet asked what royalties will be paid, and to whom," Hansard relates, "for the use of Muffin the Mule on postage stamps." The answer, from Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, is "None".

HE Daily Telegraph publishes what it de-scribes as "the most comprehensive examina-tion" yet done on New Labour. All the big names are there, but who is this sandwiched between Chris Smith and Lord Irvine? "Jonathan Powell, chief of staff and former diplomat", says the caption below the face of Jonathan Powell, former controller of BBC1. Raising doubts about New Labour is one thing, but dredging up the man who commissioned Eldorado is going much too far.

EARS grow that Dr Ju-lian Lewis may have been kidnapped again. You will recall how subversive forces infiltrated Tory Central Office recently by substituting him with a ro-botic clone (it went doolally of course, and sent all those facetious letters to the Guardian). Then, thank God, he was released. How-ever, concerns have mounted this week ever since he was spotted at an Electoral Reform Society found interest in proportional representation - a concept that is anothema to the muscular right. So either he's done a Paul Johnson switch . . . or the cybernaut is back.

RITTA Hoerner from Cologne has cancelled the English holiday she won in a competition for the best birth-control slogan after discovering, to her surprise, that she is



When the planners came to town

Commentary

Peter **Preston**

T WAS like the end of a love affair. Almost 33 years ago to the day, I closed the train door on Liverpool and moved to Man-chester, never to return. Until this week

To begin with, the decades

of exile were deliberate (who prudently claimed to be a Liverpool expert on the Manches-ter Guardian?) but later they became more temporising. I had known, in the spring of 1963, what would happen next. The new Liverpool would happen next. The great Graham Shankland had his master plan, the city council had fire in its belly. There would be towers and piazzas and street markets and happy, smiling, optimistic people. Money with added vision, wreaking a revolution. I wanted to see the finished version. Then came the Toxistic happy similar simplicity to Liverpool. It's hurting and it working. My cutterly left riots and the hectoring tings book is full of complete the problem of the deadened centre of the city. Hoylake and Heswall and West Kirby are the middle-class dormitory has problem of the problem o happy, smiling, optimistic people. Money with added vi-Hatton, the rubbish in the

ance, is both more mundane and more jolting. A bottle of Guinness either half full or half empty. There are some wonderful things in Liverpool: the skyline, Scott's towering Anglican cathedral, the refurbished St George's Hall. And there are some wonderful people: including Dean Derrick Walters, the saintly scourge of dereliction.

If you look only at the great-ness that remains or the dis-tricts Walters rebuilt, you can feel hope and pride. If you shut your eyes, that is, to the nothingness which lies in be-

machine. Somebody made a terrible botch of the new British Library. Somebody forgot to tell the abbatoirs what to do and keep the farmers in touch. We can, in the current touch. We can, in the current touch where have all the people gone? Many of them straight touch where have all the people gone? Many of them straight to the current touch where have all the people gone? fashion, order endless com-missions of inquiry; but they old tunnel, sucking life out of

streets, the guns, the drugs, Jamie Bulger, infinite disillu-sion. Who wanted to see that? The truth, on re-acquaint-feeds on them. But what's actually happened is much more straightforward. We bemore straightforward. We be-lieved, 30 years ago, that a fading, bombed-out port needed all the wonders of in-frastructure. I wrote more leaders for the Daily Post call-ing for a second Mersey tun-nel than I ate bacon sarnies in the staff canteen. But when that tunnel was built when that tunnel was built, when the M62 and the M58 and the M56 and the M53 were in place, the catch was really M22. It wasn't easier to get into the city. It was easier to

to go there at all.

The statistics are clinical.

When I boarded that last train This is a good week to talk When I boarded that last train about mistakes, about basic from Lime Street, the population of Livernool was nearer human error. Somebody tion of Liverpool was neared didn't clean Semtex out of the 600,000 than 500,000. By 2001 it will only be a tad over 400,000. Nowhere in Britain is shrink-

get out - or, at a push, never

Liverpool dreamed, but now Liverpool reminds me of nothing so much as Detroit: a

This is the most American city Britain has to offer. Bold

speeding cars.
Remember Shankland? Remember the little models of squares and European cafes and coloured umbrellas? the merchant class draws its new cars into vast malls with

bunker of the past

Remember the space and the grace? Remember, and wipe an eye. Nothing much has changed to the great arc of peeling, grey suburbia -from Litherland to Speke which encases the city, except that its eyes are now turned outwards towards Lancashire rather than inwards towards Pier Head

Once upon a recent time we had residual faith in plan-ning. This paper had a Planning Correspondent who theorising about Scouse cul- again. Southport and Formby, wrote day by day not about

up the coast, are sheenily transformed.

The old Liverpool had people living in it, rows of terraces down the Scotland Road reaching to its heart. Now there is only a heart bypass.

The dock roads out towards. races down the Scotland Road reaching to its heart. Now there is only a heart bypass. The dock roads out towards Crosby are bereft for stretching miles of human beings: collapsed warehouses, plastic industrial estates, forlorn patches of parkland, Victorian pubs left standing the scattering of lottery when the streets that gave the streets that gave the scattering of lottery money.

when the streets that gave them succour were swept away.

The "historic" centre is a small patch of grandeur several patch of grandeur several from its support systems, even cut off from Pier Head by a six-lane highway of standed on a beach of decay. This is the most American Street, where the richest mer-chants once shopped, has fruit stalls and bric-a-brac at the top. Outside Birkenhead

> multiplex cinemas.
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> When I left town, the city was planning a bright future. Can it still so plan? Or is the ability to dream on a grand scale just defunct? The reality of what happened next would argue not only that it is, but that it ought to be. Golly, we made a mess. A stupendous cock-up. The big office-com-plex on the road to Bootle they were building in 1963 is the one falling down today. The bigger TV Liverbird has lived in Potney for 25 years.

Yet stand on the shore at Birkenhead and look across on a fine spring morning. This is one of the great city sites in Europe. France or Spain or Italy would kill for it. Is there nothing we can do, and nothing we can dream? And if there isn't, what does it tell us? Not about Liverpool - but ourselves, the people we've become?

Instead of Sinn Feth being a minority party in a minority community inside a Protes-tant majority state, the Irish would speak as one voice at the negotiating table. The socalled Protestant majority of Northern Ireland would be transformed into a national minority in a peace-talks pro-cess that would challenge the fundamental construction of the Northern Irish state.

T WAS and is hard to see how the republicans could bring a stronger set of political counters to the negotiating table. It is impossible to conceive of US president with more personal animus against the current Conservative government than Bill Clinton. There

rejecting talks and returning to a futile military campaign? The armed struggle demon-strated the will of republia united Ireland. One of the first reporting jobs of my career was the murder of Judge William Doyle outside St Bridget's, amidst the Vic-torian mansions of Belfast's prosperous Malone Road, in 1982. As the judge was leav-ing mass, two IRA gunmen walked up to him and shot him dead in the driver's seat of his Mercedes. The first rounds hit the judge in the head, the next in the chest. The women in the emerging congregation, seeing murder, began to scream. The gunmen turned and ran away. Judge Doyle was, as the victims of the Troubles went, more important than most, but even his death was not a mile-stone, just a marker on a long road that ran back into the bowels of Irish history, and forward into another decade of kerbside murder. His as-sassination did not move the struggle forward. Aside from the grief of his family and colleagues, the cause Judge Doyle served, the British Crown in Ireland, remained immune to the killing of its servant. The drip, drip kill-ings of the Troubles, with all their attendant human pain and sorrow, were largely fu-

soldiers to make a real difference.
Is this the road ahead for another generation of Irish republicans? Is this futilty the lesson that the British government needs to be taught all over again, and again?

tile. The IRA could never kill enough British servants or

In their hearts the IRA Army Council must know that all the loss and the sacrifice has not, and will not now, bring the republic into being. To pursue the armed struggle is to pursue a road that leads into a wastaland of death, purposeless killing and political oblivion. It will fail as surely as the old IRA failed for 50 years in the wilderness from their defeat in the Irish civil war in the 1920s until Martin McGuinness and Gerry Adams emerged as natural leaders from amidst the

Getting to the bottom of naughtiness



Barbara Ehrenreich

school districts all over the country are debating bring-ing back the paddle, and a bill before the New Hampshire legislature would subject teenage grafilti vandals to public bare-bottom spankings

that corporal punishment only deepens the incorrigibility of the young — after all, he was paddled as a boy himself and look how he turned out. Conroy, who keeps a collection of paddles in his office and enjoys carrying one around, seems to have grasped one of the more bizarre themes from the sexual under ground: that whatever else it is — 19th-century nastiness or enlightened tough love -

spanking can be fun! What to do when confronted with another trend straight from the dank recesses of the Republican id? One goes to the source; in this case, to venues such as the urban weeklies' "Anything Goes" personal ads or the internet's alt.sex.spanking man tents as the al-fresco alnews group, which are chock full of invitations to party with paddles and pants down. fall of invitations to party with paddles and pants down.
Our pro-spanking guardians of law and order should find plenty of kindred spirits in ads such as "Good looking needs that must be met. will never be a more "green" white male prof, early 40s, looking for naughty girl in difficult to conceive of a government in Dublin that is likely to be more sympathetic to the republican cause.

What rational political run.

The Christian right, which has otherwise done so little to open up the frontiers of spankers, and seek out their human sexual experience, cans to resist the British has been campaigning vigorpresence, but it did not, and it ously for the corporal punish-cannot, advance the cause of ment of children for well over a decade. One of their flagship groups, Focus on the Family, advocates it as a means of safeguarding "family values", and the right's original Fam-ily Protection Act, first floated in 1980, would have prohibited any federal at-tempt to outlaw spanking or

against child abuse. So at last we know what it is they like so much about "the family": where else, except in a Calvin Klein ad, will you find a group of nubile young people whose every gesture and whose every gesture and sneer seems to cry out for a little OTK?

No doubt the pro-spanking fellows would insist that their interest in paddling is purely asexual, and that the de-praved practices of consent-AYBE it all started with those voluptuous images of young Michael Fay facing down a Singaporean spanking squad, hecause suddenly there's a rush to paddle the bottoms of America's youth. Prodded by the Christian right, with its militant concept of "parental rights", school districts all over the or offer to share their family fun, as in: "My teenaged step-daughter has been bad again. I had to put her over my knee to warm her butt. Turned out it warmed us both up!...Pic-tures and audio available."

— administered, no doubt, by the legislators themselves.

Spanking advocates like California Assemblyman Mickey Conroy laugh off "ivory tower" studies showing tures and audio available."

Perhaps you think this sort of stuff doesn't belong in a family newspaper — but then what is it doing in a "profamily" agenda? If a neighbour starts ranting about bare buttocks or the efficacy of various paddling devices, you'd probably keep the kids locked indoors. But if he does the same thing in a legislative chamber, there's heartfelt applause for his commitment to

> T'S not just spanking. A streak of gleefully hedonistic S&M runs through our culture's entire approach to "corrections". Imprisonment, once thought to be adequate chastisement for the criminally inclined, has been re-defined by the right as a vaca-tion in a state-supported Holiday Inn. The southern ternative to cells. After all, Par be it from me to con-

demn anyone's erotic proclivities, but surely nothing would be lost by getting the spanking freaks out of the legislatures and into the "adult" milieus that specialthe republican cause.
What rational political purpose will be served by casting these political assets away by spanking, hard!".

Image they d want to contact the "Naughty boy" who feels be in the spanking reaks out or the "adult" milieus that specialise in their peculiar tastes.

Let the spanking advocates of potential spankees on alt.sex. potential spankees on alt.sex.
spanking or thereabouts. As
for those who continue to insist on their right to spank
the under-aged and non-consenting: the challenge will be
to come up with some form of
punishment, preferably administered by bands of teenage vigilantes, that these miscreams will not enjoy. creants will not enjoy.

> Bel Littlejohn is on a Shadow strengthen the statutes | Cabinet friendship weekend



Farewell to arms

Kevin Toolis argues that however badly they feel the British have behaved, the IRA should lay down the guns and bombs and make their presence felt at the negotiating table

columns of a Dublin news-paper — but it will take more paper — but it will take more than a few paragraphs to assuage republican doubts over Britain's intentions in the Irish peace process before they declare another IRA ceasefire

m his frien times article yesterday. Major once more focused on the decommissioning issue, whilst also attempting to persuade republicans that the agenda is open and the Rritish government has not predetermined the outcome of a peace settlement out of a peace settlement. But there still remains a chasm of mistrust between the republican side and the British government. The key question for the IRA is whether they should enter the peace-talks process at all, never mind argue about the piecemeal dynamic of the decommissioning process.

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But despite their justified doubt, the stark reality confronting the IRA is this: British government were engaged in a series of clandes-time contacts. A republican begin? From the late 80 outside the pasce-talks process at all, never mind argue about the piecemeal dynamic of the decome and Ireland's Troubles down and Ireland's Troubles and call the last and final IRA ceasefire.

Revision Toolies book on the IRA is the with obstructionism, prevariation and the deliberate in setting the British trap.

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The ideflicutive for the IRA is this with obstructionism, In his Irish Times article

OHN Major has taken the propa-ganda battle to win Irish hearts and minds through the decision will be of immense to rolltical startificance for the decision will be of immense political significance for the future of Ireland.

sectarian headcount with the result as predictable as the colour of an Orangeman's

their lives are Gerry Adams, failure, mutual recrimina-Martin McGuinness and the tion, a scattering of falsified Martin McGuinness and the IRA leadership caught between a rock and a hard place. From an IRA point of view, to enter the peace talks with the necessary committenent to forswear the use of arms, now and in the future, is to place themselves in jeopardy in the house of their soverment lied to the world. is to place themselves in jeop-ardy in the house of their enemy. The goal of Irish republicanism is to remove the British from Ireland, not lock themselves and the Army (the IRA) into a British-delineated six-county solution. If the peace talks are genuine then Sinn Fein's participation, from a republican viewpoint, is essential. But if the British are lying yet again it is the republican leadership's duty to frustrate the British trap.

The difficulty for the IRA leadership is that the British have in the recent past an

out into another long night in one... the Unionists would the political wilderness.

Not for the first time in tacts ended in ignominious government lied to the world about the content and nature of its negotiations with Martin McGuinness.

Perfidious Albion under John Major excelled itself again during the 18-month IRA ceasefire that ended with the Docklands bomb. Instead the Docklands forms. Instead of embracing the ceasefire as a starting point for political movement. Major responded with obstructionism, prevarication and the deliberate insertion of a politically impossible demand for a symbolic engrepage of IRA arms.

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Face to face . . . Mervyn Levy skotching the artist John Minton in 1955

Drawn towards outsiders

gist for contemporary art. He was also, as is clear from his writings, not a man concerned with the business of projecting his own image — a weakness all too fellow critics. It was therefore explicable, though a little sad, that he wasn't listened to as much as he deserved.

Everything Levy wrote or broadcast was motivated by an attempt to understand, and then explain to a wider public, what particular artists

Bruce Boyce

revitalised by productions such as those from the New

Opera of London Italian Sea-

son at the Cambridge Theatre, conducted by Alberto Erede. It was here that Bruce Boyce,

who has died aged 85, made his debut in roles such as

Monterone in Verdi's Rigo-

letto, Marcel in Puccini's Bo-hème, and the title role in

This led the young baritone to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, (newly

reopened after wartime years as a dance hall), where Erich

Kleiber, who much admired

Boyce's work, engaged him to sing Count Almaviva in Mozart's The Marriage Of Figaro. It is a tragedy that Kleiber's position at the Gar-

den was only that of guest conductor. Had the situation

been otherwise, Boyce might

have achieved greater stature in this field.

Born in Ontario, he was

brought in Nebraska, and

after a spell "going west" to

California, graduated from Cornell University. He fur-

thered his studies in Europe

more attention will be paid to Levy than to critics who, at the time, were more influential.

He was well suited for his studied art at Swansea School of Art, before working at the Royal College of Art under Sir William Rothenstein. These years were successful, and in 1935 he won both a Continua-tion Scholarship and the Sir Herbert Read drawing prize. Nor did Levy's association with the RCA end with his student years. He continued

drawing. But with the out-

N THE years following the second world war, operatic life in London was revitalised by productions which he passed singing both privately and at

on to many now famous

Boyce first met the planist Gerald Moore when they were

both serving in military intel-ligence during the war and in the subsequent recital part-

nerhsip he was greatly admired for his musical perception and, in German Lieder and French Melodie, his excellent enunciation of the text.

His command of imagery

and character in Hugo Wolf's Lieder and the unforgettable accounts of the Schubert Die

Schöne Mullerin and Winterreise cycles were admirable. His performances in the Bach

St Marthew Passion bore wit-ness to a great mastery of the style and dignity inherent in the music and the drama.

Thankfully we are left with a legacy of his art in the recordings of Lieder with Ger-

ald Moore, the St Matthew Passion with Dr Reginald Jac-

que's Bach Choir. together

with his famous recordings of

Delius's Sea Drift conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham and The Mass of Life.

Baritone who put voices back on song

After the war Levy took up his own work as an artist concentrating upon drawing. Between 1956 to 1961 he was role as an interpreter. Be-tween 1929 and 1932 he and Review, followed by a seven-year stint as features editor of The Studio. More important to him was his work for the BBC, in particular for Kaleidoscope and the sound archives.

His own art and the artists he admired were intimately linked. Neither were concerned with fashion, nor with the facile movements that atthere as a visiting lecturer in tracted so much attention and

cal stature, as an artist and, in his later years, as a teacher of singing both privately and at

the Royal Academy of Music. He had a great understanding

of style and was an excellent

musical coach, in recital, ora-

torio and opera work, where he could also convey ideas of

the staging. In teaching the Verdi Falstaff L'Onore aria,

for instance, he would become

Bardolph and Pistol, cringe

ing on the floor with hilarious

continuously stride a thor-ough concern for technique.

He had an unerring ear and would listen intently, swiftly coming to a conclusion over

matters of improvement. Ad-

vice was always given in a jovial, kind and optimistic manner, usually with a shout of "attaboy!" when success

His philosophy of technique carried not "gimmicks" but was simply based upon a no-tion that the singer is a broad-

casting station which needs a power house — the dia-phragm — and an "antenna" — a good open mouth. Many a "trained" or "rail-roaded"

was achieved.

Yet alongside all this would

his drawing and writing for the Dictionary of National Bi-agraphy and the Royal Academy Magazine, he also found time to write 25 books. What he lacked was the

prestige of writing for a national paper. Not surpris-ingly his enthusiasm was directed towards artists who were outsiders. Notable among them were Lowry, Tristram Hillier and Scottie Wilson. What he wrote about them provides the key to Levy's approach. His 1961 book on Lowry is

full of intimate details, per-sonal anecdotes, and even dia-

when balanced histories of break of war he found himself | ties, seventies and eighties. | to combine this kind of ap | Levy displayed in his books, 20th century art are written; | at the Royal Military College, | Besides his work for the BBC, | proach with a keen historical | particularly in his 1986 study perspective, along with de-tailed notes on individual picof Carel Weight.

Levy was very much a Chel-sea Arts Club man. In his later years he was often seen tures, is proved by his cata-logue to the 1976 Royal there, and will be remem-bered for the crisp diction and his clear mind — clear Academy Lowry exhibition.

Most instructive was his relationship with Dylan Thomas whom he knew well. It led to two drawings, now in until the end. He was a spir ited reconteur and good at advocating the young artists the National Portrait Gallery. that suggest Levy the artist deserves to be better known whose work he had noticed at the many galleries he continthen he was during his lifeued to visit. Mervyn Levy was time. In the first, carried out | a little man with a big heart. in 1936, Dylan is young and intense, while in the second, 14 years later, we see the wreck he became. Both draw-

Mervyn Levy, artist and critic,

John Brancker . . . ready wit

ed instead for the Speaker's

chair since that permitted him to carry on his beloved

law practice.
For 10 years Brancker was a popular and well-respected Speaker. He stepped down in

1971 and was then appointed President of the Senate, a po-sition he held until 1976, giv-

ing a remarkable total of 39

A soft-spoken man with a

A soft-spoken man with a ready wit, his trademark idiosyncrasy was that he wrote with green ink. When we signed the book at his funeral service, sure enough we were handed a pen with green ink. He had given his instructions and knew he would get a little smile cart of

would get a little smile out of each of us. He leaves a wife,

years in parliament.

Sir John Brancker

ings are redolent of the inti-

in the chair

Sir JOHN Brancker QC, who has died aged 87, was a former Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados and the last of that thirties Barbadian political generation who fought for black rights, particularly the

right to vote.

He studied at the prestigious Harrison College, read for the Bar at the Inner Temple, and was called to it in 1933. He took silk in 1961 Bruce Boyce . .. unerring ear voice, as he could drolly remark, came to him for painstaking repair and he deplored the misuse of young voices in over zealous opera schools. When he retired from and was knighted in 1969. "Brancks", as we knew him, was first elected to parthe Royal Academy of Music liament in 1937. During his time in Britain he was influ-enced by the Liberal Party and back in Barbados took in 1985 and continued his pri-

the radical step — for those times — of espousing liberal causes as a Congress Party member.

By 1951 the Congress Party had lost its influence and Brancker joined the Barbados Labour Party. Five years later he joined Errol Barrow's breakaway Democratic Labour Party and became

Gwen, and a son. leader of the opposition when Barrow lost his seat. When the party won the 1961 general election Brancker ceded the premiership to Barrow who by then had won a byelection. He opt-

Peter Morgan John Eustace Theodore Brancker, lawyer and parlia-mentarian, born February 9,

1909; dled April 25, 1996

Tony Humphris

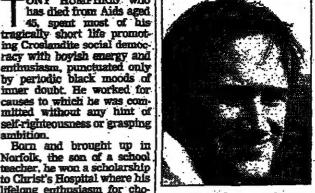
Between hope and disillusion

has died from Aids aged tragically short life promoting Croslandite social democracy with boyish energy and enthusiasm, punctuated only by periodic black moods of ner doubt. He worked for causes to which he was committed without any hint of self-righteousness or grasping Born and brought up in

teacher, he won a scholarship to Christ's Hospital where his lifelong enthusiasm for cho-ral singing cricket and foot-ball developed. (For much of the past 20 years his Satur-days were cheerfully spent with various teams from the Bank of England sports club.) Humphris graduated from Brasenose College, Oxford, with a politics philosophy and economics degree and became a research assistant for the late Philip Williams who was working on Hugh Gaitskell's

At the age of 21 he was elected to Oxford city council and in 1973 he joined the Labour Party research department. Humphris made many lasting friendships, but felt alienated by the postur-ings of the national executive and ignored by the parlia-mentary leadership, He became research officer for the clerical trades union, APEX, whose politics he sympa-thised with, though he felt trapped by the limitations of

In 1979 he stood as a Ruropean parliamentary candi-date for East Kent, but was profoundly depressed by the NEC's refusal to fight the elections seriously because of Labour's then anti-European stance. He was therefore a natural recruit for the Social Democratic Party. Although



Tony Humphris ... vigour

he agreed with the Gang of Four's principles, the rational dedication of the self-confident, socially committed pro-fessional classes lacked the warmth of the old Labour

Party.

Before the 1983 election, he worked in the House of Commons for Shirley Williams for Ian Wrigglesworth, the SDP economic and industrial he ran for the SDP, but the party's disastrous showing. and the subsequent squabbling over the merger with the Liberals shocked him. Angered and disillusioned, he abandoned politics only to return to the Labour fold a few years later.

In the final phase of his life Humphris worked for Alcohol Concarn and found happiness and security in his relationship with Ruth Thompson.
All those who knew him will remember his vigour, passion, and ever-welcoming hello.

Roger Liddle

Tony Humphris, political activist,

Letters

John Whiting writes: At a scientific conference in Provence in 1983 I recorded a three-hour talk by Buckminster Fuller on the regular tetrahedron as the basic three-dimensional form in nature: the simplest struc-ture whose frame would stand without reinforcement, and the building block of his geo-

After the talk I told him that he had in fact been recorded by a regular tetrahedron the cansples of a Soundfield microphonel He was fascinated to learn of yet another instance of the tetrahedron's fecundity and asked if I could send him technical information. I promised I would photocopy an article by Michael Gerzon (obituary, May 14) on the Soundfield's mathematics which came as part of the manual

A few weeks later I got a letter from Fuller saying that he had been very impressed with Michael's paper and de-claring that he intended to refer to it in subsequent lec-tures and papers. Unfortu-nately be died shortly thereafter and was unable to do so.

Later I told Michael over dinner that Bucky Fuller had been one of his fans. He beamed with pleasure. It turned out to be a farewell

David R Williams writes: Stanley Reed (obituary, May 10) came to Borough Road College, Isleworth, in 1963 and showed an extract from Great Expectations to a group of trainee teachers. It was to fire me up for a lifetime's ment in film studies.

tor of the British Film Insti-tute, I met him again. He came to talk to our teacher training students at Bede College, Durham, where I was one of the tutors on the pioneering course in Film and Television that the BFI supported.

His death in the centenary year of cinema is ironic, since he was the true father of film appreciation in education. His legacy is all the media studies courses in universities, colleges and schools across the country. He always had great expectations and they eventually came to fruition.

Birthdays ********************

Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, 73; Cicely Berry, former voice director, Royal Shakespears Company, 70; Katherine Cherry, architectural historian, 55; Tim Cordy, chief executive, Royal Society for Nature Conserva-tion, 47; Prof Archibald Cox, Washington's Iraqgate investigator, 84; Sir John Garlick, chairman, Alcohol Concern, 75; Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat MP, 45; Alan Johnaon, joint general secretary, Union of Communication Workers, 46; Sugar Ray Leonard, boxer, 40; Hazel O'Leary, US Energy Secre-

Death Notices

ALBERGA, On 19th May 1988 at Claremont Residential Home, Corsham, Roy Alberga M.B.E. aged 73 years, Funeral service 2.30pm on Monday 20th May at Corsham Parish Church tollowed by Interment at Box Cernetary, Englithes to 7 W Jones and Son,

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Rubbery issue

WARNING: Boys cannot read this. If you are a boy and are reading this, stop immediately. The following article is chock-full of highly intimate girl secrets that will be ten times more embarrassing than any TV commercial for feminine-hygiene products that you have ever seen. So quit it, I mean it, you'll be

Condoms Demystified There are basically three kinds of condoms: non-lubricated latex, lubricated latex, and lambskin. The lambskins are no good because they haven't proven to be a barrier to infection. Anyway, they're

really made of lambies and that makes us sad, especially around Easter time. (The real reason we don't like them is that they smell like lamb. One is tempted to lubricate them with mint jelly.)

There are variations on the basic latex condoms. Some condoms are prelubricated, with spermicidal jelly even. Others are not.

The strongest variation by far is the ribbed latex condom. Why are these condoms ribbed? This is supposed to be stimulating? Should one attempt to play washboard tunes on it? This is just part of the problem with condoms. Condoms were, and are, designed by men. If Girls Designed

Condoms . . What a wonderful world it would be. Skip the ribbing. skip the lube. If women designed condoms there is no question that they would be padded. "But size doesn't matter!" comes a chorus of voices. (The loudest voices come from boys who are peek-ing. Stop reading right now.) Sure, length doesn't matter.
But give any girl a small dose a condom in my pocket and I

of truth serum and ask her about width. Admit it. If pad-ded condoms were placed on the market, hordes of scream ing women would storm their local druggists and dash out with totes full. Unfortunately it wouldn't work. After all there is that tickly isssue of boy sensitivity, which we casionally want to. Padded condons would rob boys of the skin to skin sensation they already claim condoms

rob them of and we can't have

The Condomed Man It is far, far easier to start them on condoms when the relationship is young. In fact, the condom is a terrific tool of seduction when you're ready to make the leap between the sheets. Call that someone on the phone and say to him, casual like, "I just bought a new condom and I'm dying to try it out....want to come over?" Or when out on the town with your paramour, and the clock on the club house wall says thump thump thump, push that hunk against a wall and

am not afraid to use it. We're going home." And lastly, here's a heartming fact that I bet even you did not know, Ms. Modern: Marketing tests prove that

vate tultion, he could, at the

age of 75, still "knock off" a

top A flat better than singers half his age. He would often

teach for six to seven hours a

day.

To balance the genial extroversion that he displayed in his lessons there was a quiet reserved manner, almost mys-

tic-like. His philosophy ran deep yet with a single-minded,

uncomplicated awe and won-

Bruce Boyce, singer and

teacher, born Sepi died May 11, 1996

der at the meaning of life.

women buy more condoms than men do, and have for years. That's why ever since the late 70s, condom packages have featured air-brushed photos of couples holding hands at sunset. They thought we'd like that. We don't, but until someone puts Brad Pitt on the front, it will

have to do. Some ressential snippets from A Girl's Guide to Condoms in Bust, the Bad Girls edition.

Shock waves THE BBC's plan was to

remove Radio 4 from longwave. But many expatriate Britons living in France, Bel gium and Luxembourg, often working for the European Commission, all rely on longwave for their daily dose of BBC Radio. Only long wave signals can reach out so far from Britain.

When the BBC looked likely to press on regardless.

someone in Brussels got hold of the BBC's internal tele-phone directory. This listed the private numbers for all office fax machines. For weeks on end the expats used EC fax machines to send the same letters of protest over and over again to every fax machine in the BBC.

Each morning the BBC staff would find their offices knee deep in fax messages and their machines either jammed or out of paper. Many of these militants have now bought Astra satellite dishes so that they can tune into BBC radio stations on Astra's analogue frequencies

If Astra even thinks about turning off these frequencies, it's office staff can expect the worse. Luxembourg satellite operator Astra has been cagey about its plans for switching off existing analogue satellite radio stations to make room for digital sevices. These services require new digital radio receivers costing several hun-

dred pounds each. However,

the clever exputs working

Astra offices may be in luck, for

sion will no doubt put the new receivers on expenses. New

Fried celibate THE Vietnamese monk de-

cided that being persecuted by the government wasn't cool, so he burned himself to death. His name? Reverend Quang Duc. His death was seen around the planet even though he wasn't the only monk to do it.

The sizzling celibates



chose busy intersections, marketplaces, public equares, cathedrals, a university, and the government palace in Saigon. They would appear out of nowhere, popping out of cars or jumping off bi-cycles, douse themselves

with gasoline, slt with their legs folded and strike a

This story of a man who really saw the light, in Giant Robot.

Art market

"THERE were going to be two steel and glass tanks, each with a couple of cows in it. The cows were going to be attached to a hydraulic system, with one cow mounted behind the other in each tank to simulate copulation. They were not in formaldehyde. He wanted a piece that decayed in front of your eyes. He had devised a filtration system to remove the fumes, it would have worked. Fear of intervention by the Environmental Protection Agency caused the project to be aborted."
The new centerpiece

called "Some Comfort Gained Giant Robot: burning issues | from the Acceptance of the

Inherent Lies in Everything he is an artist not likely to call any work "Untitled"— consists of two cows, sliced like a loaf of bread and standing in twelve tanks, this time in a solution of formaldehyde

The United States Customs needed to be persuaded that the cow piece and another piece in the show—a bisected sow called "This Little Piggy Went to Market, This little Piggy Stayed Home"— were art works, and were not sub-ject to USDA regulations on foodstuffs.

Jay Jopling, Damien Hirst's London dealer, discusses the contain action, asscusses the artist's attempts at smuggling contaminated cows out of England, cleverly diguised as art, for his first major New York show. All of them were sold. New Yorker.

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WO directors of the construction com-pany Alfred McAlpine and a City-based stockbroker were yesterday arrested following an investigation by

the Inland Revenue.
Eric Grove, Graeme McCallum and Derek Green, who lum and Derek Green, who were held in separate raids in London and the Midlands, were being questioned last night in connection with allegations of false accounting. night in connection with alle-gations of false accounting. gations of false accounting.

The news sent shock waves through the City. Mr Grove is months.

A stout

for drink

RNEST Saunders, the

—chairman of Guinness,

yesterday made an aston-ishing attack on the com-

pany at its annual share-holders' meeting and called for it to diversify into the

introducing himself as a "shareholder and pen-

sioner", Mr Saunders — jailed for five years in 1990 for his part in a share-rigging operation — attacked Guinness "recent flat performance", and said the company had lost its way strategically

strategically.
Sun-tanned and looking

healthy, Mr Saunders, who was released in 1991 after being diagnosed as suffer-

tia, said Guinness was tak-

ing a risk in concentrating

He said that when he had

been chairman, he had al-

ways welcomed "focus and

the dismemberment of un-related businesses", but

to respond to pressure from the health lobby.

view of concerns about al-cohol and health, and

Mr Saunders said that in

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McAlpine and war is an executive director. Mr is an executive director. Mr

"nothing to do with the busi-ness or tax position but was

a non-executive director of A spokeswoman said that McAlpine and Mr McCallum the arrests were made after

taken the company by sur-prise. One member of staff an-swering telephone calls refused to believe the news. "This is just not true," the employee said. Non-executives were contacted by chief executive Oliver Whitehead yesterday morning. The com-pany is also understood to

for comment. Aged 67, he has been in the housebuilding industry throughout his career and built up a substantial private fortune. He is under-stood to have interests in Coventry City football club and this year received shares and cash worth around £15 mil-lion in respect of the sale of his private company, Can-

betra, to McAlpine in 1988.
Mr McCallum, aged 50, who
is managing director of McAlpine, was also previously a director of Canberra. Before he

sers to stress that the investi-gation did not involve its own management positions within the Barratt housebuilding construction world," one

group.
Under the terms of the sale, the housebuilding division was to have been sold within a five-year period. Because of adverse market conditions, the planned flotation was shelved and Mr Grove was offered a lucrative "earn-out"

Green at Gerrard Vivian the number of completions. Gray, a respected City firm.

Leading City brokers who know the McAlpine board well expressed surprise at the of intense market competihave contacted its biggest rector of Canberra. Before he well expressed surprise at the shareholders and City advi- joined Canberra, he held arrests. "The two directors

said. "But I think that the market has taken on board that the investigation does not involve the company it-

McAlpine last month announced that it has plunged into the red with a full-year loss of £23.5 million. Profits in City sources said that Bir fell 36 per cent to £11.5 mil-Grove was a client of Derek lion, with a 10 per cent fall in

Mutual loss is political gain



Edited by Mark Milner

HERE has long been a suspicion that the Government's dilatory approach to the modernisation of the Building Societies Act has been politically motivated. Every conversion, takeover or merger in the sector which is eased by a confused regulatory framework means potential cash bonuses for members, who also happen to be voters. Now Angela Knight, the

reasury minister with responsibility for steering new legislation through the Commons, has come clean. In her address to the building societies annual conference in Birmingham, the clearfully accommons to the conference in Birmingham, the clearfully accommons to the clear to mingham, she gleefully ac-knowledged that conversions, such as the Halifax and Wool-wich "are putting money in people's pockets". Ms Knight clearly thinks the Govern-ment would be blanted if it sought to bring down the shutters now, thus preventing investors — even if they happen to be "carpetbaggers" — from receiving their cash bonuses. In effect, the Government is willing to sacrifice the future of a vigorous and combative second force in finance, the mutuals, for short-

term political gain.
It will come as no surprise that the outgoing chairman of the Building Societies Associ-ation. Ken Culley, who has spent much of the past year promoting the mutual mes-sage and demanding that the two-year rule "to qualify for pay-outs" be reinforced, should accuse the Government of political motivation, in the presence of Ms Knight.

What is more fascinating is the attitude of the building societies commissioner. Geofsible for the day-to-day regu-lation of the sector. His conference speech firmly rejected the suggestion that mutuals are somehow less efficient than banks as "myopic and insular". Indeed, in the Fitchew view, the allure of mutuals to bidders underlines their competitive strength. Ms Knight says she will fight to put the new bill before the Commons, in what will be the final Queen's Speech of this Tory administration. That is useful, as is the proposal that two mutuals deciding to merge should be given a year to consummate the deal rather than be hit by spoiler bids from banks. But

the reality is that, in the absence of a tougher two-year rule, the new bill will be too

Ungrateful BT

little too late.

BRITISH Gas is at very public loggerheads with its regulator. Clare Spottiswoods, over Ofgas's Mr Blair might be wise to plans for a price cap on its avoid ordering the balloons Transco pipeline business. and the party hats just yet.

Sid, staff and safety are all being dragooned into British Gas's hands off Transco campaign.

By contrast British Tele-com's struggle with Ms Spot-tiswoode's opposite number at Oftel. Don Cruickshank, is being carried out in a rather more measured way. Make no mistake. however, it is at

least as tense a struggle. Mr Cruickshank is due to decide in a couple of weeks on BT's pricing structure for the four years from mid-1997. BT, naturally enough, is pressing for a relaxation of the present tight regime. There is a suggestion that, if Mr Cruick-shank is too tough, then BT will start investing less in those areas which fall within the regulator's remit. That, in turn, might affect the quality of services within the UK.

Mr Cruickshank should not be impressed. BT is losing some customers to rivals but the net figure is a drop in the ocean compared with the existing base while the overall market is expanding. It is at least arguable that the Offel price regime has made BT sufficiently efficient to leave little room for new entrants into its UK markets. A decline in quality because of lower investment might give them ust the opportunity they

Mr Cruickshank has proved a formidable substitute for competition. By dehim, BT might find them-selves confronting more of

Feelgood index

HISPER it softly, but the feelgood factor could be on its way back. Earnings, as we found on Wednesday, are starting to nudge up, but living standards are going up even more rapidly.

How come? Well, one mea-

sure of living standards is the Tax and Price Index, introduced by Nigel Lawson in the 1980s to show us how much etter off we were as a result simply, the TPI showed the size of the pay awards we needed to maintain living standards ofter tox.

This was all fine and dandy while taxes were being cut, but less helpful when taxes were going up — as they did in 1993 and 1994. As a result, the TPI was no longer included in the monthly inflation release, but buried away and available only on request. Inquiries yesterday suggest that the Chancellor should immediately restore the TPI to its former glory. The fact that taxes rose in Anril 1995 but fell in 1996 resulted in the annual rate of increase of the TPI falling from 3 per cent in March to 1 per cent in April That means that workers

need only a 1 per cent pay rise to be as well off as they were ast year. With earnings going up by nigh on 4 per cent, they are actually around 3 per cent better off in real terms, a reversal of last year's deeply unpopular fall in living stan-dards. That may not be enough to save Mr Major, but

MAM goes it alone with 26pc leap in profits

Publick Donovan

ERCURY Asset Management, which controls 8 per cent of the London stock market, yesterday announced a near 26 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £140.4

million.
The profits lesp, in what was MAM's first full year as an independent company, folunder management. The com-pany, which saw its biggest shareholder S G Warburg taken over by the Swiss Bank Corporation, admitted that it suffered from "client uncer-tainties" after the merger was

But it claimed that it was beginning to build strong brand loyalty and new busi ness had grown sharply dur-ing the second half of the

Further boosts came from growth in US and Japanese fund management operations MAM said it had benefited from the deregulation of the Japanese pensions industry and now manages the portfo lios of 39 Tokyo-based funds. The company added that future profits will be boosted by the growing demand for ension products. Chairman

Hugh Stevenson added: "As populations age, the provision of adequate retirement incomes has become one of the great economic and social He pointed out that since MAM floated in 1987, the total return had increased by 15.3

"In other words, £1,000 invested in the company's shares at that time, together with reinvested dividends would currently be worth over £15,000. Over this period, a similar investment in the dential market, where the tors — running at about his proposals were too harsh.

FTSE would be worth £2,800." group lost 113,000 customers. 50,000 a month — by signing BT said that only 60 per



Lisa Buckingham

NE of the world's largest and most presti-gious investment contracts has been put up for grabs by Equitas, the vehicle designed to handle old claims in the Lloyd's of London in-

drinking and driving, Guin-ness should be thinking said Guinness had consid-see it as a great strength."

Top international fund management groups yester-day began taking part in a "beauty parade" to gain a slice of the £17 billion portfolio which Equitas controls to meet claims on insurance policles sold in the market be-It is understood that the

Lloyd's reinsurance company is looking for a "safety first" investment policy on between \$10 billion and £15 billion of the money in its coffers. list said most of the available its enormous liabilities,

money would be placed in bonds and glits, with invest-ments and currencies closely matched to liabilities.

Drinks reception . . . Pickets make their case outside yesterday's Guinness meeting

"about soft drinks and other less controversial ing into soft drinks. He had absolutely no iddrinks" and not "purely on alcoholic drinks".

But the firm's chairman, future. We are not at all attack on Gulmess.

gloomy about alcohol. We

But more of the Equitas funds are likely to be invested in stocks and shares than is traditional in Lloyd's because be able to take a longer-term view of returns.

The investment policy—
and the fund management
contracts— could become
more adventurous if, in a few out to have a greater surplus than envisaged. Some experts have predicted not only that Equitas's reserves will outstrip its liabilities but that it could also take over fund management on old claims for other insurance strough

other insurance groups. There have been fears, howticularly in overseas market,"
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which centre on old asbestos ness is expected to end up and pollution claims from the with American fund managurs — about two-thirds of the

make such a high-profile

Security at the meeting, at London's Royal Lancas-

Trade and industry gave the Equitas reinsurance operation preliminary approval.
One participating fund

manager estimated that the fees earned on the entire Equitas fund management contract could reach £85 milvestment groups are under stood to be ready to undercut each other ruthlessly in order to win part of the contract.
"To be able to say you were
one of the Equitas investment managers would give you enormous kudos and would help win other business, par-

funds are in US dollars this possibility, a stance British investment groups which was recently bolstered such as Schroders, Commerwhen the Department of cial Union and BZW Asset British investment groups Management are believed to be strong contenders. A spokeswoman for Equitas

Later, Mr Greener said he ter Hotel, was tight not mentioned during the had absolutely no idea why following a demonstration meeting, which did see Mr Saunders had chosen to outside by The Land is questions asked about

following a demonstration outside by The Land is

Ours, the group occupying land owned by Guinness in

Wandsworth, south Lon-

don. The occupation was

process of interviewing pro-spective fund managers had begun and was expected to take several weeks.

Although the contest has been flagged for months, it is

were given only a week to draw up their presentations. The spokeswoman refused to comment on speculation that the fund is likely to be parcelled up into units of 2500 million-£1 billion, indicating that about 20 invest-ment groups could share the

Profit rise erodes BT price defence

Technology Editor

"HE chances of British Telecom persuading the industry regulator to water down tough new price control proposals were demolished yesterday when the group reported profits above the £3 billion mark for the first time in four years.

The group offset the bulk of the enforced £450 million price cuts last year by per-suading customers to use the

cent rise in profits stemmed from reduced redundancy costs. Competition from cable companies is, however, beginning to take its toll in the resi-

phone more, while the 6 per



in the pest BT has more than compensated for the loss of customers to the cable opera-

BT's ability to grow the market and thus offset the impact of price cuts will strengthen the determination of Don Cruickshank, directorgeneral of Oftel, to continue with a tough price-cutting regime until 2001.

At present BT has to cut the bulk of its domestic prices by 7.5 per cent below the rate of inflation. Mr Cruickshank wants annual price cuts of between 5 and 9 per cent below the inflation rate for the four years to 2001. Sir Peter Bonfield, who

took over as chief executive at the start of the year, said the company was trying to convince Mr Cruickshank that

up new subscribers or per-suading existing ones to take a second or third phone line. Chairman Sir latn Vallance said the attempt to merge with Cable & Wireless, which would have reduced dramatically the group's dependence on the UK, had proved too costly for the likely rewards. Shareholders are to get a 5.6 per cent dividend rise, but no special pay-out as pro-posed at the time of the £35 billion C&W merger.

Sir Iain said returning funds to shareholders did not make sense at a time of regulatory uncertainty and when there were so many investment opportunities in Europe and Asia.

BT's pre-tax profits rose £357 million to £3.02 billion as redundancy costs were more

Disney joins the big hitters by buying into cowboy's outfit

Guinness' treatment of its Irish pensioners and about

its contribution to Thalido-

Mark Tran in New York,

MICKEY MOUSE yester-day took up baseball with the announcement that Walt Disney plans to buy 25 per cent of the Cali-fornia Angels baseball team, a stake valued at \$22.5 million (£15 million). Disney has an option to acquire the rest of the team from former cowboy star Gene Autry, who is 88, after his death. Disney already has a foot in sport with its ownership of the Mighty Ducks ice hockey Acquisition of the Angels

stake binds Disney even more closely to Anaheim, home to Disneyland as well as the Mighty Ducks. Under the agreement cleared by Anaheim city council, Disney will begin renovating the stadium in October. Disney will pay \$80 million and the city \$20 million.

Disney plans to fire some of the Angels' 50 full-time employees, although there are no plans to make play-

Goofy outfits. Disney's move into base-ball reflects the convergence of communications and entertainment. For Disney, the Angels can be inte-grated into a total entertainment package. At Disneyland, there is a Ticketmaster kiosk to sell Ducks games. The Ducks hold parades and autograph sessions at the theme

ers wear Mickey Mouse or

The Angels can also ex-pect to benefit from Disney's mighty marketing muscle. The Ducks are valued at \$108 million, the second most valuable team in the National Hockey

On the other hand, Clinton favours trade with Beijing

Martin Walker in Washington

THE Clinton administration yesterday formally told a bemused Congress that it was seeking to extend China's Most Favoured Nation trading status, although simultaneously threatening \$3 billion of trade sanctions unless Beijing "carried out its commitments to stop the deliberate piracy" of US software, CDs and videos. There is no contradiction

in these policies," said under-secretary of state Peter Tar-noff. The US wanted to expand trade with China, believing that in the long run this would help liberalise the Chinese system, but at the same time insisted that China learn to abide by the rules of

the global economy.

Most US business leaders yesterday lined up behind na's foreign ministry spokes-President Clinton's stand man Cui Tiankai.

against Beijing, although the Federation of Retailers warned that the sanctions would mean higher prices. Boeing, which sells 10 per cent of its output in China, grumbled about the likely benefit to its European competitor, Airbus Industrie. A serious trade war now China responded to the US

threat of sanctions with its own list of \$2 billion in sancfrom cigarettes to foodstuffs and generating equipment. But China sent some conciliatory signals yesterday, in-cluding the public destruction by steamroller of some pirated CDs in Hainan prov-ince, and official statements from Beljing that it was ready for a negotiated solution.

"Confrontation will lead absolutely nowhere," said Chi-

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Building society fury at state nod to 'carpetbaggers'

Teresa Hunter

betraying building societies by applauding three of Britain's biggest mortgage lenders — the Halifax, Alliance & Leicester and Woolwich — for abandoning their mutual status with a share bonanza for members.

The Building Societies Association, at its annual conference in Birmingham, pressed the Government for a new legislative regime to close the "nonsensical" loop-hole in the law which permits speculators in effect to overwhelm societies by seeking windfalls from a takeover or

But economic secretary Angela Knight refused to act gainst "carpethaggers" looking for an instant profit by opening an account, when she addressed the conference.

She said: "Dare I say it in this conference committed to bers of two years' standing the benefits of mutuality, that could benefit from a society's the conversions of societies | conversion but many societ such as the Halifax, Alliance ies have sidestepped this rule & Leicester and the Woolwich by paying shares — rather are putting money into than cash - to new

"It is a paradoxical triumph ! for the building society movement. On the one hand there leaving the sector, while others have taken the opportunity to reconfirm their complaining what it means to their members and moving closer to them by offering larger packages, better rates

She added that in the end the decision about whether to stay mutual or convert is a decision which only the society itself can take. It is not for the Government to pre-empt that choice.

at her rejection of the call for a strengthening of the "two-year rule" made by outgoing chairman Ken Culley, who is chief executive of the

The 1986 Building Societies Act intended that only mem-

ernment has to look after the HE Government was yesterday accused of yesterday accused of and nationally prominent to the two-year rule each and nationally prominent to the two-year rule each and every building society which interests of all building socichooses to convert has, if it decides to use it, a wide discretion over the distribution of shares. The choice is theirs. You may be able to make a decision only for mutual building societies themselves, but I have to look at

> But Geoffrey Fitchew, chairman of the Building Societies Commission, the sector's chief watchdog, delivered a robust endorsement of the achievements of building societies, attacking those commentators who have sug-gested that the shrinking of

Britain's 10th biggest building society. Birmingham Midshires, yesterday confirmed that it had approached its smaller neighbour, the West Bromwich, with a view to opening merger talks. But the West Brom said it had no intention of entering talks about either a merger or take-over with anyone and was determined to remain indepen



On a roll . . . Francis Mackay (left), chief executive of Compass Group, Britain's largest caterer, and finance director Roger Matthews meet customers at the Upper Crust branch in London's Charing Cross Station — the first unit of the company's snack chain to be redesigned in a move which boosted sales by 20 per cent. The group pushed up profits from £31 million to a record £57.8 million to the six months to March 31

Labour sets out plan to revive housing confidence

ment it would try to restore confidence in the housing market by maintaining mortgage tax relief and encouraging a new breed of flexible home loans, writes

Nick Raynsford, shadow housing minister, said he wanted to transform the private rented sector into a high quality housing option which would boost the jobs market by making relocation simple

He told the BSA conference in Birmingham: "The speak volumes for the inse curity and lack of confi-dence that has dogged the housing market over recent

years.
"Those are the problems which we have to address -and government does have a role to play in the

"A new housing policy for Britain should have the first aim of restoring confidence in the housing market so that homeowners and potential housebuyers can once again invest in a terms 'repossession' and | new home, or the improve-

ABOUR yesterday prom- | 'negative equity' are easily | ment of their existing ised that as a govern- bandied around, but they home, without the fear of being trapped in debt and without the spectre of repossession hanging over

> Labour wants a partner ship between private and public sectors to create a safety net for the sick and

Mr Raynsford called for the development of local housing companies. He said: "Such bodies, established on a non-profit-mak ing basis as registered social landlords, could well

Gas price clash Tunnel takes toll at airline on course for MMC inquiry

Industrial Editor

HE prospect of a Monop quiry into British Gas the company stepped up its war of words with the regulator, Ofgas, over price curbs which it says will cost 10,000

With Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, preparing to query British Gas claims that the price curbs on its TransCo pipelines division would damage revenues, safety and jobs, the company made it clear that it was prepared to force an MMC inter-

Richard Giordano, the com-pany's chairman, used the to haive its workforce.

On Monday Ms Spottiswoode put forward proposals to cut Transco prices by 20-28 per cent next year and to peg rises to 5 per cent below inflation in the four following

years.
"We will do our utmost to influence the outcome of this

review. However, if the final proposals are unacceptable Ofgas will be obliged to refer the matter to the MMC," Mr

Giordano said. Ofgas said that Ms Sportis-woode would send a letter to Mr Giordano by the end of the week challenging him to justify the assertions over jobs. as wall as claims that the price controls would cut revenues by up to £850 million and

could compromise safety.

Ms Spottiswoode, who is said to be bemused by BG's assertions, believes the job claims are exaggerated and has estimated that the controls would cut revenues by £450 million-£750 million. She also believes that safety standards should not be affected.

British Gas saw profits fall from 2505 million to 2471 milpected first-quarter figures to the first quarter. A £100 milspell out his opposition to the regulator's proposals, which he described as "totally unacceptable", and to reiterate that they would force Transco the company faces increasing the company faces increasing competition. This sent the supply division crashing to a 295 million less. TransCo profits rose from

£450 million to £508 million, despite higher operating costs. The exploration and production arm increased profits by £14 million to £226 million.

British Midland would have doubled its profits last year had it not been for its London-Paris passen-gers preferring the Channel tunnel, the airline's chairman

admitted yesterday. Sir Michael Bishop said that although the worst effects of the competition were now over, the airline's passenger traffic was down by 25 The decline in the business

market was tailing off as some regular travellers returned to flying. "People who tried both modes of transport have now settled into the one that suits them,"

is the perent company, were 26.2 million for last year, up from £300,006 in 1994. British profit of £4.1 million against £4.4 million in 1994.

Sir Michael said that despite the tunnal, the zirline was growing strongly and making a considerable investment in new aircraft. It has just phased out its last second generation aircraft, which means that with quieter planes it can compete on an increasing number of routes

in Europe. Str Michael confirmed that the company was having talks with Richard Branson about new ticketing arrangements through the Channel tunnel Mr Branson's Virgin into the one that suits them,"
said Sir Michael.
Profits for Airlines of Britain, of which British Midland
British arm of Eurostar, the

Michael saw some travellers flying to Paris but returning to London by train.

He also confirmed that Virgin Atlantic had been one of inquiries about a possible takeover of British Midland. larly receive unsolicited approaches, but we have not oursued any of them, and we

The airline had no plans to operate internal services in other European Union states when restrictions are lifted next year. Sir Michael said that continental costs were much higher than those in

the UK.
The company has just been Belgian state carrier, Sabena,

Predators lined up for fag-ends left by Hanson

Hanson Quads

Roger Cowe

Hanson will have broken itself up, leaving a motley collection of building and

building-related businesses. Hanson yesterday an-nounced the timetable for the four-way demerger which will break up what was the 1980s' most successful dealmaker - and which will perhaps set the scene for a renewed burst of takeovers. Assuming that the Septem-

ber shareholder meeting ap-proves, October 1 will see Imperial Tobacco regain the quote in London which disap-peared with Hanson's acquisition of imperial in 1986, and on the same day Millennium Chemicals will float on the New York stock market. Millennium consists of Quantum, SCM and Glidco.

The as-yet unnamed energy group which includes Eastern Electricity as well as the Peabody coal company will fol-low down the independence trail on January 31.

These spin-offs will leave

Hanson as predominantly an aggregates company, with ARC in Britain and Cornerstone in the US. It will also own the US business Grove Cranes, and a few smaller British businesses, including Hanson Brick.

remain chairman of what has been described as New Hanson, said yesterday: "The de-mergers are firmly on track." The break-up of Hanson's debt mountain was also announced yesterday. New Han-son will take very little of the

Mark Tran in New York

movies.

JAMES Bond has become the central character in

a legal battle pitting Han-

son against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the Hollywood studio behind the Bond

MGM has sued Hanson

America featuring Roger

Moore in a tuxedo, tied to a

curvaceous woman, being lowered into a foaming pool

of killer goldfish.

MGM sends in legal hit squad

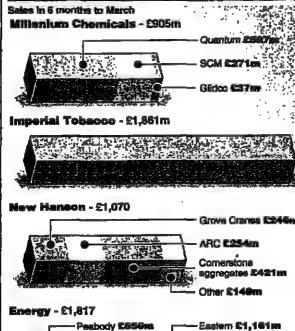
after James Bond is hijacked

for running a humorous competition. The suit de-television commercial in mands withdrawal of the

The 007 spoof trumpets tion "one of the most Widely recognised and industries ranging from valuable fictional charac-

mining to chemicals. MGM. ters — Bond, James Bond". basking in the success of Goldeneye, the latest Bond ment which Hanson is

hit, has issued a lawsuit apparently considering.



forecast £3.5 billion bank | evidenced in Hanson's sixloans, since it will retain res-ponsibility for the group's heavy public debt issues. Millennium will emerge as

a highly geared business, despite the cyclical nature of the chemicals industry, and de-spite heavy debts having forced Quantum to seek salvation with Hanson in 1993.

Its chairman-elect, William Landuyt, said this was in keeping with US practice, where investors do not expect high dividend payments.

Quantum's cyclicality was

against Hanson, a Hanson subsidiary and the Lowe

Group ad agency, a unit of Interpublic Group. MGM and Danjac, con-

trolled by the Broccoli fam-

ily which produced the original Bond films,

accused Hanson of copy-

right infringement, false

endorsement and unfair

commercial and payment of

unspecified damages.

MGM and Danjac allege

that Hanson and Lowe lifted without authorisa-tion "one of the most

month results, also released yesterday. The US ethylene producer was responsible for all of a £123 million drop in

the group's operating profits on a comparable basis.

That reduction was offset by the inclusion of Eastern Electricity and profits on the sale of the stake in National Grid, which was inherited with Eastern.

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With further profit on the sale of a majority stake in Suburban Propane, the final pre-tax profit figure was £171 million ahead of last year at £794 million, despite higher interest costs and the underlying drap in operating lying drop in operating returns. Sales rose from £5.9 billion to £6.2 billion: The group's break-up may lead to more of the takeovers which Hanson's name has al-

ways been associated with.

New Hanson is seen in some

quarters as a potential preda-tor, although the conditions

which allowed Hanson such success in the 1980s have disappeared. It would be ironic if Millennium were to be acquired by ICI, which was the rock on which Lord Hanson's 1980s charge finally foundered, and if Imperial Tobacco were to

seek a merger with United Biscuits — the white knight which failed to stop Hanson buying Imperial. On the other hand, Imperial has itself been seen as a takeover target for a global tobacco company. Either way. the takeover roller coaster is

News in brief

Taxman's fears over self-assessment

THE Inland Revenue's new system of self-assessment for tax-payers could break down within months of its introduction, according to a leaked internal memo, published in today's edition of the Investors Chronicle. The memo expresses fears that trial results, if repeated nationally when the new regime goes live in April 1997 "could lead to a virtual breakdown of self-

assessment.

The IR has already conceded that 20 per cent of the 5,000 people taking part in its trial in Leicester failed to return forms on time. But the memo, which is said to have been written by a senior Revenue official, reveals that a further 25 per cent sent returns back with only a month to spare.

The memo warms that such patterns could mean a backlog of more than two million returns, grinding the whole system to a

Postal strike demand

DIRECT mail companies yesterday called on the Government to lift the Post Office's monopoly on letter delivery so that alternative arrangements can be made by private firms in the event of a national postal strike this summer. The Direct Marketing Association, which represents junk mail advertising companies, said a stoppage would cause irreparable damage to the industry and load to substrate light leads to suppose the suppose of the sup lead to substantial job losses.

Charities would lose money, advertisers would switch to radio and television and jobs would be lost in Royal Mail if the strike goes ahead, the association claimed. The Communication Workers' Union is currently balloting 140,000 members for industrial action over pay and hours of work. --- Seumas Milne

BTR warning hits shares

BTR shares plunged 5 per cent yesterday after a warning that first-half profits would be "moderately below" the £729 million made a year earlier. The company blamed a slump in chemicals, its polymer operations in Taiwan and in its sealing systems

Its annual general meeting was told that the second half of last year had shown a significant downturn, exacerbated by Chinese controls on imports and the group was "still coming out of that position". BTR shares fell to 294p, a 16-month low, before rallying to close at 297p, a fall of 14p. — Tony May

More Debenhams stores

AN aggressive store-opening programme at Debenhams will see the department store firm, owned by Burton Group, add a fifth to its existing sales space by the year 2000. Burton announced yesterday that it will open Debenhams stores in Lincoln, Trafford Park. Banbury and the Gateshead Metro Centre. In the six months to March, Debenhams delivered £58 million of the group's 193 million trading profit. — Roger Couse

Muted cheers for flat GrandMet results

Grand Metropolitan yes-terday unveiled a 3.2 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £455 million and said it was looking forward to a strong second half now that most of its restructuring was out of the way.

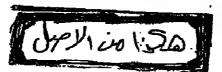
rose by 5 per cent but operating profits were the same as last year, at £211 million. John McGrath, the chief ex-

ecutive, said sales volumes were being boosted by price increases plus successful, if heavy, advertising expendi-ture. Drinks prices have risen by 1.5 per cent so far this year and the company is expecting The figures were depressed by a static performance from its international drinks business, IDV, whose brands include J&B whisky and Smirist half, a 6 per cent rise on by 9 per cent.

McGrath said the sum was equivalent to 18 per cent of drinks sales, a proportion he intended to maintain. "That is a large sum of money. But I'm not worried about it. What we are selling to an extent is image, ian't it?'

The company's US foods business, Pilisbury, whose brands include Heagen-Däzs ice cream, produced a 47 per cent rise in operating profit to £240 million, while Burger King's worldwide sales rose





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Graham Rock

NEW name entered calculations for the Vodafone Derby yesterday when Dr Massini ran out an impressive winner of the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes at York, surging clear inside the final furlong to beat King Alex by three and a half

Available at 33-1 before yes-terday's trial. Dr Massini is now a best-priced 7-1 for the Epsom Classic, run on 8 June. The world's most famous Flat race might come a shade too soon for him, but he looks sure to win good races for Michael Tabor and Michael

Pat Eddery, returning from suspension, made the running on King Alex, Michael Kinane settled Dr Massimi towards the rear, produced his mount approaching the final furlong, and Dr Massimi quickened away to win decisively.

"I was impressed by that," said Stoute. "The further he was going the better he was tance should hold no fears for

Consequently Dr Massini did not appear on a race-course until Kempton, 10 days before yesterday's trial, when he won readily. Michael Tabor has proved a

Michael Tabor has proved a remarkably lucky owner in recent seasons and he backed his horse at 33-1 and 25-1 for the Derby before racing yesterday. "He would have to have some sort of chance," he said. Stoute has not yet booked a jockey for the big race, but Michael Kinane is available and is likely in he

on board at Epsom.

Kinane completed a double, and rode his seventh winner of the meeting, when Classic Cliche won the East Coast Yorkshire Cup in record time from Strategic Choice.

Grey Shot set a strong pace, but was passed by Classic Cliche in the straight and the Godolphin horse was joined by Strategic Choice two furlongs out. For a few strides they were nip and tuck but approaching the final furlong Classic Cliche forged ahead, and increased his advantage

going." Certainly the manner of Dr Massini's victory suggested that the Derby disford, racing manager of Goford, racing manager of Go-dolphin. Kinane thought that the Ascot Gold Cup would be him. Stoute added that his promising horse, who did not run as a two-year-old, had his debut slightly delayed by a bruised hock.

doublin. Khane thought that the Ascot Gold Cup would be an ideal race for the winner, but Crisford would not commit Classic Cliche to the stay-ers' championship.



Doctor's orders . . . Dr Massini (left) is too good for King Alex at York PHOTO: JAMIE WISSMAN

ning the Duke Of York
Stakes.

Westcourt Magic made the
early running before being passed by Passion For Liffe at halfway, but the pair had wise of the whip on Venture Royal Ascot.

Locally-trained winners of gone too fast for their own the big races at York are a good. From the rear Ray days earlier.

Scarcity, but Venture Capitalist with a late challenge which proved just too ning the Duke Of York Stakes.

Westcourt Magic made the Jockey Club take the first three day, "said Nicholls. "Alex has done all the groundwork with this horse."

Westcourt Magic made the Jockey Club take the first three very seriously."

Mick Channon, trainer of one of the horses involved day, "said Nicholls. "Alex has done all the groundwork with this horse."

Venture Capitalist, owned the interference, said:

What's happening to racing we'll have no jockeys left shortly. It seems to be sarly running before being ridden the winner but for

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Trainer defends banned Daly

LAN DALY, the apprentice jockey, picked up a five-day han for "irresponsible riding" after finishing first on Daily Risk in the Redenham Claiming Stakes at Salisbury yesterday. His mount was disqualified and placed last, with the race awarded to Flying Pennant. The move sparked another dehate between racing professionals and local stewards, with Simon Dow. stewards, with Simon Dow, trainer of Daily Risk, commenting: "It does seem a bit of a harsh decision as the boy was on a horse who hangs to his right in any case and would prefer softer ground."
Daly said he didn't wish

to make any comment about an appeal until he had spoken to his boss.

But stewards' secretary
Jeremy Kerr reacted
strongly and said: "One
doesn't flip a coin as to
what the category of interference is.
"It's on a sliding scale

from reckless, intentional, irresponsible, careless and accidental and the Jockey

Newbury with form guide

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105	0 2008 90510 (15) M Shada 9-0	K Bradebaar 2
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107	2 OCLD SPATS (21) M Stouts 9-0	R Cockrane 16
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115	5-0 UTMOST ZEAL (15) P Harns 9-	0 G Had 20
116	AMMEDIAN L HOUSE 2-0	J Norton 12
117	WITHEREAY H PERMON 9-0	Dane O'Holl (3) 1
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1995: Smart Generation 4 P 13 J Reid 12-1 (Lord Huntington) 16 mg Detting: 2-1 Ground Carne, 7-2 Select Few. 6-1 Shu Gau. 10-1 Emily-Mou, Nobie Sporter, Yeve Anhby Hill, Whatever's Right FORM CLINOS - SISLECT FEMIL Ridden slong 31 oct, soon outpress, 49 and old Prize Giving (h

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501		BANKSLING BEAR (16) (D) N Standard 3-7
502	3360-12	ATRAF (27) (D) D Moriey 8-5 W Carace 3
583	751352-0	WARRENG TREE (31) (D) & Machan 9-5
504	115415-	AMAZING BAY (251) (CD) Baiding 9-4
505	4515-	KING OF THE EAST (244) (D) M Street 9-7
506	213-	ORTOLAS (2007) R Harmon 9-2R Perlam 6
507	44211-	CHALAMONT (220) (D) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0
508		MARL (31) (C) R Akshurst 5-11 Senders 7
509	1-	PLY TIP (211) (CC) B Moenan 8-9Pat Eddary B
519		WATCH RE (12) (D) F Hanson 8-9
TOP	FORM THRE	k Watch Me 8, Mari 7, Ortoka 6
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Bettings 7-2 Histoh Me, 5-1 Altrei, Chatamont, 6-1 King Ot The East. 8-1 Amazing Bay, Orloien. Mart, 15-familing Bear, 16-1 Warning Time PROBLE GEBBS - WATCHS JEEK Led 2f out, soon clear, earsly, bt Schoel 15 (Seliabury St, Ge).
ATRAP! Lod until joined 2f out, hopt on, 11 2nd to Carramta (Trank St, Gd-Fm).
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601	12150-0 MY LEARNED FROMD (13) (CD) A Histo 5-9-10Danc Chief (3) it
605	15300-1 mmazuus (20) (D) H Candy 5-9-8
803	0/25429- SOUTHERN POWER (\$70) R Aketurni 5-9-6
604	235153- DARCE SO SUITE (191) P Cole 4-9-5T Onles 1
805	0100-65 DON'T SHOOT FAIRES (11) (D) C British 4-8-1
806	003-412 SPILLO (14) (SF) L Cumen 3-8-11
807	102024- \$7000PH (686) Liss H Kright 5-8-5
806	000020 - SPREAD THE WORD (214) L Cotton 4-8-1
500	05-001 ORMICCO REVER (8) (5th ex) (D) P Chaptie-Hyam 3-3-1
816	240-41 PARADISE WATERS (17) R J Houghton 4-5-0
611	0500-23 GES(ERAL MOUNTAR (11) (CD) (NF) B Machen 6-7-11

Bettings 4-1 Spilla, 9-2 Stompin, 6-1 Southern Power, 7-1 Piparies, Ortmaco Pilver, 8-1 Peredige Walers, 9-1 Dence So Strie, 10-1 General Mouldar Unace So Satts, TU-1 General Modelar

FORM GUEDE - SOUTHERS POWER Led 3 cut will headed final fariong, one pace, 25 and to Hazard A Gasea (Severine) uncit, Get-Fai.

BIFARTUS: Headeny over 21 cut, ran on, bit Baywak 20 (Leicester Innet, Get).

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STOMERICS: Headeny over 21 cut, ran on, bit Baywak 20 (Leicester Innet, Get).

STOMERICS: Headeny over 21 cut, soon clear, bit Leading Spirit, 41 (Chemar Innet, Get).

STOMERICS: Innet good forms over hundred recently; leat ran Fair 2 descore ago. St. 4th blid Le Reversine (Leicester Innet, Get).

STOMERICS: MAXTESS, Made all, ridden over 11 cut, bit Soviet Bride 31 (Bath Inn9714by, Get)

SPILLO: Led 21 cut to inside final teriong, ran on, \$2 and in Golden Touch (Newworlet 1 inn21, Get-Fm).

Newmarket card 2.16 Open Gredit

4.65 Arek tg: Good to firm. * Denotes blinkers. 2.15 EEF DITCH HARDEN FILLIEST STAKES 270 H EA,182 2 OPEN CREDIT (11) (BF) H Cecil 8-11 RICH IN LOVE C Cycur 8-11 SOLFECETTO M GHI 6-11 STRIDE D Morkey 8-11 1995: Paleon Bay & 8 11 M Featon 4-1 (M Reil) 9 ppe Batting: 1-2 Open Credit. 4-1 Soltagiono, 7-1 Pach in Lays, 19-1 Stride 2.50 MOK SPARK PLINGS RATED STAKES HAMBICAP TI 27,004 NEX SPANK PLUSS NATURE STACES MARRIED 7 A: 1-10
183:-4 SEMERGENE MARKET (14) J. Denlop 4-9-0
1930-5 SEMERGENE MARKET (15) D. Denlop 7-9-10
1930-5 SEMERGENE DARKETE (224) (25 B Harbury 4-6
5014-08 SASSEDO (12) (C) W O'Gormán 5-8-5
2004-0 CZARBA (27) (3) S Britan 5-8-0
2005-00 PRIMA COMBINA (5) S WOOL 4-8-0 THE TIPE: Excerping Mariest S, Cycana's Lad ? 1985: Hartly Sharp 4 8 1 J Ferning 10-1 (J W Watte) 12 ren Rettings 8-4 Courageous Dancer, 3-1 Emarging Market, 7-2 Cymra's Lad; 9-2 Gaseedo, 8-1 Yrina Cymana

O EDUTY FRANCIAL COLLECTIONS NAMEDICAP 1 to 80 0000-6 BRAVE PATRIARCH (20) J Duclop 5-9-11 20102-6 BRAVE PATRIARCH (20) J Duclop 5-9-11 20102-6 GREEN LAND (10) S Williams 4-8-5 205-515 FABRILION (13) (D) (BF) C Striks 4-8-5 205-04 CRESTED KIRCHT (18) C Horges 4-8-13 205-040 CRESTED KIRCHT (18) C Horges 4-8-13 20-200 CHARLIE BIOTENE (15) P Herris 6-8-1 2022-4-5 ARRIANOS (11) M STRIKM 6-8-1 20000-6 BRC CHIRCHTS (11) M STRIKM 6-8-1 20000-1 PERSAN SHOWE (7) 448-47 (D) A Hold 5-7-10 2020-1 PERSAN SHOWE (7) 448-47 (D) A Hold 5-7-10 TOP FORM TIPS: Persian Scoke 8, Fabilion 7, Opaque 6 1996: Reconstal 8 7 12 D R McCabe 7-1 (P Sergayne) 10 ren Bettliegt 5-2 Opaque, 3-1 Persian Smoke, 7-1 Fabilisch, Britve Petruzch, 8-1 Crested Knight, Green Land, 10-1 Amiarge, 15-1 Rock Group 1 PO1140- RABICAM (213) (G) M Tomplum 9-2 2138-30 WORLD PREMIER (13) C Bridge 9-2 2138-30 WORLD PREMIER (13) C Bridge 9-2 314-3 ALL-BOYAL (22) (G) (BF) H Cock 9-12 4 13- POLAR RELIPSE (2002) (G) M Johnston 9-12 7-2-11 PROJECTION (12) (GD) S Hars 9-12 7-13 RABIGOZ (14) (D) S Harsoury 5-13 7 0-12 TAWAADED (15) (GD) S Waterm 9-7 3-1 WINST HUMBELE (15) (D) Ledy Herries 9-7 ... 1995: Epagely 2 9 7 W Byen 4-6 (H R A Cool) 7 :am

Bestäng: 2-1 Projectics, 7-2 World Preroler, 4-1 AU-Royal, 7-1 Polar Ediçae, Rabicso, 10-1 Wast Hamble 12-1 Taranadol 4.20 EQUITY FIRANCIAL COLLECTIONS CLAMMING STARL

5.4-SOT SAGLE CARTYON (5) (D) 8 Instituty 9-7

5.5-SCA1-0 LIONETTS. EDWARDS (28) P Cole 9-7

3.73-CESHVOB (2017) P Cole 9-2

4.360-5 SHOW FALCOR (79) W Bell 9-1

120-355 RESEL COUNTY (94) D Cosprove 8-8

6.4-SCY: DAMICO (14) (D) S WINSON 8-7

7 SIGD-10 CAPTURE THE HOMBRIT (17) P WINSON 8-4

8.500-00 CAPTURE THE HOMBRIT (17) P WINSON 8-4

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11 EDGES TIPS: Damice 8, Columb 7, Steps Campon 8

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_G Duffield 7#
_G Rentell # 4.55 ASHLEY BATCH STAKES 3YO to 4 CA,502 O AMCHENT GUREST (5:0) N Cadeghan 8-0 234 ARRIGHEN (110) C Britan 8-0 GS CHOCOLATE (200 C Cyzer 9-0 DD PARROTTS HELL (11) M Tompless 9-0 D POMPLER (20) J Dunksp B-0. TOP FORM TEPS: Arabasa A. Privata Audience 7
1995: Larrecha 215 9 W R Swiniama 9-4 (L. III Cantani) 11 ran
Belfors: 5-4 Private Ancience, 2-i Arabam, 5-1 Checolate Ice, 5-1 Ancient Owner, 18-1 Permiter, 18-1 Permit Ancience, 2-i Arabam, 5-1 Checolate Ice, 5-1 Ancient Owner, 18-1 Frances 5.25 TURNSHAM LEHTED STAKES 71 CA,503 5.25 TURDERSHAM LIBETED STAKES TY 64,503

1 M4214- BLOCKARDE (281) (60) M Bell 7-9-11
2 SEGOL- DOWN FORMET INSIGHT (246) (D) C Brooks 5-8-11
3 02290- BASY JRT (219) Lord Hostington 4-8-11
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5 40225- SHAMPARI (42) (D) Plowing 4-8-11
7 4042-2 THE STAKER (24) (D) J Jestims 4-8-11
8 512-500 WRLD PAIM (16) W C Gorman 4-8-11
9 2000- BESSIGHT SPEL (223) J Hills 4-8-5
TOP FORSE TIPE: Observe 8, Blockarde 7, Bildnight Spirit 6

1000- BESSIGHT SPEL (223) J Hills 4-8-5 Preston 5
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J Wester 8
B Dayle 7
N Carlisto 2
D Daffield 4

Stratford (N.H.) tonight

8.15 Proud Sun 8.45 Political Pa-6.15 sarah esconde brithday marsh only hovice selling humble 2ω 110/m 22.27P.-P.(-20 BUCKLEY BOYS (3.5) Mrs L Williamson 8-11-5
00 CHISTER'S CHAT (185) M Pips 7-10-12
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0820-09 UP THE TEBOY (57) P Forthe 7-10-7
0820-09 UP THE TEBOY (57) P Forthe 7-10-7
09 ROBERT (170) J Jackins 4-10-7
10 REPUTA C PORTOCESS (0) H Heyres 4-10-7
14 TANDONDOS (18) J Jackins 4-10-7
15 INCOMEDIA (18) J Jackins 4-10-7
16 INCOMEDIA (18) J Jackins 4-10-7 1885; Max Mais-Jone 4 10 7 D Bridgesster 3-1 (J White) 18 cm

472152 MERRERT BUCHAMAN (10) (BP) P Nicholis I PP301 PLIMSY TRUTH (37) IN Westen (0-11-0 PRPSS-RANCHECK (11) Mark Campion 5-10-7 526505 ROSSERO (11) Mrs J Props 5-70-7 mil Banch 10 11 11 J Lower 100-20 (M.C Pipe) 7 rts 7.15 PERTENDS RAHDICAP HUROLE SIN 21 22,444 | D PERTENDED FAMILIEEAP NUMBERS 252,444
| C3-4321 | BARIMERES NUMBERS (EZ) N Twiston-Davise B-11-10
| 200970 VISTOR BEAND (27) (C) N Gerelee 0-11-4 | ...
| 201970 VISTOR BEAND (27) (C) BARVER 10-11-4 | ...
| 201970 SEPECIAL ACCOUNT (27) C BARVER 10-11-4 | ...
| 20255 REMOUESE (14) B Cambridge 2-11-3 | ...
| 3P2200 AKTYMANIN (14) (28) M Pipe 6-11-0 | ...
| UPD405 Pin TORY (14) A FOREY I-10-5 | ...
| D-8054 VISCOMIT TOLLY (85) C Jackson 11-10-3 | ...
| PU-008 BARVANDENH (27) C Jackson 11-10-3 | ...
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1 PURSEY WIRES APPROACH (12) (C) (D) (K BING) (F-1)-13 ...
2 141-619 DOMBA DEL LARD (13) (3) (K MCCort 10-16-15 ...
3 P-550 LAUGH MISSON (27) MAY I PRIME 11-19-11 ...
4 SU1F11 GENERAL CRACK (10) (6th sc) P Nicholis 7-10-5 ...
5 ZU-LAUGH TYP MARINERS (26) (D) S Showcod 11-16-5 ...
10/4-IPS BING BERN DUW (20) (CS) C Brooks 10-16-1 ...
1016-1 Union Allence 8 51 10 4 F Tibey 11-4 (K C Balley) 7 res. Bestings 7-4 General Creak, 5-2 Wipe Approach, 9-2 Big Ben Den, 6-7 Conce Del Lago, 16-1 Lake Mester 16-7 Topp Mariner ... J Callety (2)
... A Settling (7)
... R Histor (7)
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... R Therete (8)
... C Vigors (8)
... C Stensor (3)
... E Jenner (3)
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... D Steriock (7) Beithing 4-9 Proud Sus, 6-1 King's Treesure, 12-1 Rochester, Chardes, 14-1 Jumbs 15-1 Babs 1985: The Blue Boy 7 12 J Mr D Doggen 13-1 (P Berran) S rat 8.45 IDWARDS NOVER WIT HOVICE HURBLE 2 # 110/4 C2,248

1995: Ok So Bright 8 11 1 J A McCurthy 4-6 (O Charyout) 12 mg hattings 7-4 Hunting Lore, 7-2 Political Pasto, 9-2 Plying Gesner, 6-1 Tim, 20-1 Broomhill Boy, Ah 7 for Are, 23-1 Castiso

 Blinkered first time: NEWBURY 8.10 Miss Universal; 3.40 Tissisat. NEWMARKET 4.20 Capture The Moment, Lahik. STRATFORD 6.15 Mafuta. THIRSK 2.00 Islay Brown; 5.00 Just Dissident; 5.30 Valiant Man.

Thirsk runners and riders for eight races

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Venables wary of China cracks

David Lacey

IMES in football have changed beyond recland can approach a match against Hungary with China. When Ferenc Puskas and his fellow Hungarians rattled a two-match total of 13 goals past England in 1953 and 1954 they were acclaimed as the Magical Magyars.

those days of the Mystical Mandarins, yet Terry Venables was surely not overegging the foo-yung yesterday when he declared that next Thursday's encounter with China at the Workers' Stadium in Beijing would pres-ent as hard a test as any Eng-

"I don't think any match will give us more problems in the European Championship than this one," he said. Given that China will be

supported by a crowd of 100,000 — about five times as many people as England's run-in to Euro 96 has been drawing at Wembley — this may well be the case. China

are no pushovers, especially on their patched-up pitch. After inspecting it yester-day, Venables's chief scout Ted Buxton warned Chinese officials that England would not play there unless the uneven surface were repaired. David Seaman slipped on a divot and broke his ankle during a game in the same sta-dium last May.

meanwhile, should provide relatively friendly fodder tomorrow. tance to qualify for Euro 96. they are now concentrating on putting up a decent show

in the Olympics.
For England, the game represents their best chance to boost confidence before the tournament starts. It may also influence the England coach's final choice of squad. Yesterday Venables, still un-certain whether Tony Adams will be fit for the European Championship so soon after knee surgery in January. added Aston Villa's Ugo Ehiogu to his Far East party as cover at centre-back.

Adams has not enjoyed the luckiest of international careers. Mark Wright squeezed him out of the 1990 later, when Wright had to make a late withdrawal from Graham Taylor's European

Championship squad, Uefa refused England permission to call up Adams after the deadline. Now Wright could

be the beneficiary.

Although 27 players will go
to Beijing and Hong Kong. Venables will have to tell five less trepidation than a visit to of them that they have not China. When Ferenc Puskas made the cut for Euro 96 before he names the squad of 22 If it includes Adams then

obviously Ehiogu will be among those disappointed. Of the rest Peter Beardsley, Jamie Redknapp and Nick Barmby may be more anxious than most, but as Gareth Southgate, now firmly estab-lished among the probables, said yesterday: "We're all on the gangplank now."
Robert Lee, too, or so it was

thought. Down at Bisham Abbey yesterday Lee's buoyant mood was being contrasted with an unusually glum David Platt. After a season plagued by knee operations, Platt returned to the England midfield against Croatia last month and resumed the captaincy in his first full international since last summer's Umbro Cup. He was competent without being outstanding, and Venables may want another look at Lee, the obvious alternative.

Some changes will have to be made, what with Gas-coigne involved in the Scottish Cup final, Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman rested and Steve Stone doubtful with a tweaked hamstring. Darren Anderton and Les Ferdinand are likely to be recalled and Jason Wilcox may get a run

It will be surprising if Alan Shearer, the man most crucial to England's success in Euro 96, is anything more than a substitute. Newly recovered from a minor her-nia operation, he is expecting to play in the Far East. Asked about transfer specu-

lation linking him with Manchester United. Shearer said it was flattering, but that he had signed a three-year extension to his contract at Black-burn and expected to remain there. Anything, in other words, is possible.

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Why our Hearts belonged to Alfie, Willie and Jimmy

Duncan Campbell, our crime correspondent and token maroon loon, on those glory, glory days of 1956 when half of Edinburgh rejoiced and Glasgow finished second best

the Yellow Rose of Texas and the first verse went thus:

There is a team in Scotland It's got the greatest centre

The fact that the Yellow Rose was in the hit parade at the time and teams still had centre-forwards gives a clue to the date — 1956, the year of Suez, Hungary and the last time Heart of Midlothian won the Scottish Cup. Now they are back at Hampden Park. It is hard, as Hearts struggle through endless sea- of 132,840. Crawford scored their Cup final opponents Rangers, to imagine those days 40 years ago when they

estrode Scottish football. The 1956 Cup victory came the season after a first League Cup win and was followed by the League championship in 1958, when the team lost one of their 34 games and, more remarkably, scored 132 goals an average, as we calculated endlessly in our school arithmetic books, of four goals a game. During that magical season Hearts beat East Fife 9-0, Falkirk 9-1 and Queens Park 8-0. We used to get mildly depressed, trudg-ing out of Tynecastle, if they managed only two or three.

At the heart of all this was the "terrible trio" — the in-side right, centre-forward and inside left whose names be-

came tattooed on the soul: Alfile Conn. from Prestonpens, father of the Spurs player of the same name; Willie Bauld. ex-Bevin Boy, that "greatest centre forward"; and nimble,

wily Jimmy Wardhaugh. They scored 487 goals in 200 appearances together. The manager was a decent, modest chap: Tommy Walker, a former Scottish international who had thought of becoming a vicar but thankfully chose

the nearby brewery and a diet of regular success: the four seasons following the Cup victory Hearts were placed in the league and won the League Cup again. We even combed our hair in a distressing quiff, the more to look like the heroic Bauld.

The 1956 Road to Hampden we knew our cliches even then - was majestic: victories over Forfar Athletic, Stirling Albion, Rangers and Raith Rovers, 15 goals scored and none conceded. Sixty thousand fans made the jour-Celtic and Conn knocked in the third: 3-1 to Hearts.

Alec Young, later to go to Everton and become "the Golden Vision" there, dazzled on the right wing. Deemed too young to travel, we listened enthralled on the wireless.

John Cumming, the left-half

— Dave Mackay, later of Spurs, was the right-half — was led off with a bleeding brow but returned to the fray. clutching a sponge. As Albert Mackie wrote in his club history: "Blood doesn't show on

a maroon jersey." Afterwards, the players were driven across Scotland in the team bus, visiting their home villages. One stop was Blackburn in Lanarkshire, the home of the captain Fred-die Glidden, where, as Mackie recorded, "his mother came to the cottage door to see the Cup held proudly by her son and his father threw a sprig of heather into the vehicle". Edinburgh Castle was flood-

lit for the side's return and it was reported that there had not been such a large crowd in the centre of the city since the bodysnatcher Burke was hanged in the Lawnmarket. There had, of course, been giory days before. Who can forget the 15-0 Cup victory over King's Park in 1936? They're not singing any more.

40,000-plus crowd, the smell of | No one can quite remember why Hearts got a walk-over in the 1889-90 Cup when Burnt-island Thistle scratched but who cares? The sub-editors on the Pink News and Green Dispatch always had an easy time: Heart Attack, Hearts Broken, Happy Hearts, occa sionally if we managed only a draw, Wooden Hearts

Then it all started to go wrong. After that final champlonship win in 1960, the team drifted. In 1965, the championship slipped away on goal difference in the final game. We couldn't believe it A couple of years later Hearts were not even in the first 10 in the league. The headlines the Clyde" Admittedly there have been

some nearly days. In 1985-86 they lost the championship on goal difference again and — Hearts Broken, it must have been that Saturday night — lost the Cup Final 3-0 to Aberlost the Cup Final 3-0 to Aberdeen. Forever blowing the cup back past Mother doubles, the enemy taunted. Glidden's doorstep again. The songs had changed. And blood doe Somehow H, E, A, R, T, S — If a maroon jersey.

if says... somehow didn't have quite the same charge as another old favourite, sung to the time of Bless Them All. The word "bless" was changed to a more vulgar one and the song was not one we sang to our granny. The last lines said it all: We're got our backs

As back to the west coast they crawl

Cause we'll no' be mastered By no Glasgow bastard So up with the Hearts Fuck 'em all!

Now there is a new hopeful side, fourth in the league, who have beaten Rangers at home and away already this season. There's a French goalie, the returned prodigal son John Robertson, and the dashing John Colquhoun, who has written for The Guardian so he must be okay. Wardhaugh seems alive

again. The head tells us that the dreaded blue meanies from Glasgow will win but the heart says something different. The Hearts players, I am And blood doesn't show on



Hearty handsbake . . . the Hearts captain Freddle Glidden heavyweight Kate Howey and his opposite number Bobby Evans start the ball rolling reached the semi-finals.

Ferguson to see out the century

holiday this weekend in a peaceful frame of mind having agreed a new

The manager entered a second round of negotiations yesterday intent on securing financially lucrative deals in the history of British football. Last night the United spokesthat the sides had finally reached a settlement.

Although the 54-year-old Ferguson had hinted that he might resign unless his demands were met, the indications last night were that the two parties were merely con-ducting some preliminary sparring before getting down

Ferguson, who led United to a second Double last weekend. still had 12 months to run on ing for a six-year contract to take him up to retirement. Hopefully I will have it all resolved before I go away," said Ferguson earlier yesterday. I would love to stay at United. They are my club. The United chairman Mar-

ious to secure the manager's long-term future, though not necessarily with one single

The euphoria generated by Sunderland's promotion to the Premiership dissipated yesterday with the announce-

Supporters next season must pay substantially more than their counterparts at some other leading clubs. Standing tickets have been priced at £295 — a rise of 51 per cent - while seat tickets have risen by 34 per cent.

The increases, designed to help team-building, was de-scribed as "disgusting" by a games next season," said Keith Charlton, of the Sunderkeep the prices down because there was a big rise last year and, no doubt, there will be an increase in 12 months."

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We are not one-year wonpect to be here for many years and the commitment to remain in the Premiership has dictated these prices."

Saints free Grobbelaar

RUCE Grobbelaar's flamboyant goalkeep-ing career in English ended after 17 years, 500 league games and a host of

The Zimbabwean, who faces charges of match-rigging at Winchester Crown Court in January, has been released by Southampton. He will be 39 in October.

Grobbelaar, who flew out to Zimbabwe earlier this week. is thought to have had talks with a South African club. Southampton stood by their man when the metch-fixing allegations broke 18 months restricted to only two games

last season by Dave Beasant's form, reaching the 500 landmark in the 3-0 league defeat at Aston Villa last month. Lawrie McMenemy, South- Bremen for £3.5 million.

ampton's director of football, said last night: "We promised Bruce when all the fuss broke that we would stand by him all the while he was under contract to us. And this we have done. He was never less than a superb professional." Grobbelaar joined the 1994 after 13 gloriously successful years with Liverpool. Beasant's upsurge in for tunes has been crowned by a new three-year contract after the goalkeeper, 37, was voted Southampton's Player of the Year. Ken Monkou has also re-signed for the same term.

former Anfield team-mate, has also been released. The winger, 31, who arrived at The Dell in January, made only five Premiership starts. Bayern Munich, Uefa Cup winners, have signed the German international midfielder Mario Basler from Werder

Sport in brief

Sailing

A determined Chris Law has reached the semi-finals of the

Judo

Diane Bell, 32, from Newcas-tle is still dispatching oppo-nents, writes Duncan Steen in The Hogue. She beat the German Susana Singer with a footsweep and Cinziana Cavazutti of Italy with a strangle to earn a semi-final against Belgium's Gella Vandecavaye. Britain's heavyweight Michelle Rogers and light-heavyweight Kate Howey also

Rugby Union

Brut Royal Lymington Cup. defending champion and a previous nemesis, Thierry Peponnet of France, by three races to two in the quarter-finals to put himself in line for a repeat of his 1994 vic-tory. Law won the second, third and fifth races.

The English champions Bath are set to swoop for the Welsh players Leigh Davies of Neath and Robert Howley of Bridgend. They are believed to have offered Davies a fiveyear contract worth up to £500,000. The fly-half Arwel Thomas has joined Swansea after one season with Bristol.

Badminton

Rugby League

Gillian Gowers and Joanne Muggeridge saved a match point to help England make a startling comeback in the Uber Cup in Hong Kong yesterday, writes Richard Jago. England beat the hosts 3-2, with Gowers and Muggeridge overcoming Ng Ching and Tung Chau Man 3-15, 17-14, 15-4. Julia Mann winning the 15-4. Julia Mann winning the second singles 11-8, 11-4 against Koon Wai Chee and Allson Humby taking the deciding third singles 12-9, 11-4 against Chan Mei Mei. Earlier England lost the top singles and second doubles.

• We pick them up in Kent in buge lorries and drive them



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BENSON AND NEDGES INTERNATIONAL OPEN (Thams): First remail (GB/Ire unless stated, "-amateunt): 68 M A Jimenez (6p). 99 P Baker, 8 Langer (6gr); J Van de Veide (Fr); H Clark, 79 R Reffery, N Faldot, 7 Robbon; E Canonica (ff), 71 P Lawrie, R Chapman; I Garrido (Sp): D Cooper, M Gates, 3 Torrance; P Lintert (Sp), 72 G Tumer (NZ); G Shenry; C Monigomeris, M Moutenet, A Sherborns, J Heaggman (Swe); P Affiget, F George, P Maloney (Aus); M Mackenzis; W Wester (SA); J Spence; I Woosman; J Fayne; O Kartsson (Swe); M Woosman; J Fayne; O Kartsson (Swe); A Hunter; E Darry; R Wessels (SA); J Spence; I Woosman; J Fayne; O Kartsson (Swe); A Hunter; E Darry; R Wessels (SA); R Munt; Neith; S Cage, P Broadhurst, D Garter; P-U Johansson (Swe); A Hunter; E Darry; R Wessels (SA); R Munt; Neith; S Cage, P Broadhurst, D Garter; P-U Johansson (Swe); H Lawren (Trin); R Drummand; K Eriduson (Swe), 74 P Ealey; J Leman; S Lyie; M Poe; P Sjoland (Swe); J Loman; S Lyie; M Poe; P Sjoland; (Swe); J Longmuir; L Westwood; N Brigge; A Old-corn; R Allentby (Aus); J McKerion; S Field; T Spence; P Fullis (Swe); F Lindgren (Swe). 75 F Nobio (NZ); M Lamer (Swe); T Johnstone (Zim); E Romero (Arg); N Raidfille (Aus); J Townsend (US); S Staver (Ger); M Hallberg (Swe); R Goosen (SA); T Price (Aus); J Hivern (Sp); S Ballestancs (Sp); P Harrington; G Evans; R Willison; P Curry; F Tumaiu (Fr), 75 P Walkert, D A Russell; S Hughes (Aus); R Boant; J-L Guergy (Fr), D Curry; C O'Conner Jar; N Fasth (Swe); G Gallacher; C Rooce (It); P Hoddjom; Swe); G Gallacher; C Rooce (It); P Hoddjom; D Februr; P Fyman; M A Martin (Sp), 77 C Cevaer (Fr); A Coltart R Karlsson (Swe); A Gallacher; C Rooce (Fr); G Brand Jim; M Jonzon (Swe); T D J Russell, T Bjorn (Den); 78 J Farry (Fr) D J Russell, T Bjorn (Den); 78 J

Parmevik (Swei); J Coceres (Arg); P Price: M McLean; A Bosser (Swetz); M James; S Luse (Spi); E Bolognes (M); D Borrego (Spi), 80 B Pappas (SA); H Slotz P Outled (Swetz); E Giraud (F1); B Bretz; P Mitchell; P Burrex; P Gelding, 81 G Emerson; R Davis (Aus); 'B Howard, 82 P Teravalnes (US); M Davis; P Nyman (Swe), 83 R McFarlane; 'G Rankin, 94 M Campbell (NZ); D Hospital (Sp), 88 C Tingey; G Clough, Disepsatiset A Forebrand (Swe), PBPSI-UBE K CO-AM TOURNAMEST! (Ajiku, Japen); First rested (Japenese triese stated); 64 K Fulunage, 65 K Krusbark; Y Ichiota, 88 T Yoneyama; R Mackey (Aus); I Shirahama; S Gimson (Shq); A Omachi, Alexe 67 Z Moe (Mymmar), 66 S Wats (US); T Hamilton (US); S Ginn (Aus).

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12-15, 17-15, 15-3; Be Kyung-min bi M
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LAURENT-PERRIER MASTERS (Curen's): Recent-robbs: Organy Once C Bray (GB) bt J Male (GB) 6-6, 6-2, 6-6. Grace Twer W Davies (Aus) bt M Good-ing (GB) 6-1, 6-1, 6-3: J Snow (GB) bt N Wood (GB) 6-4, 6-0, 6-4.

Evening Racing

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7..90: 1, CARDINAL REED, Miss L Hollis (3-1): 2, Strong Gold (10-1) fav): 3, Trest Time Cayley (6-2): 6 rân. Sh hd. 6, (j Turner) Tota: (23.40, C. 11.0, C. 17.0, Dual F (23.70, CSF, ES 99, MP: The Partney Loop. 7.30. 1, OWER THE EDGE, Mr S Sporborg 116-8. 2, Woodlands Centiere (20-1); 3, Kates Castle (6-1). 7-4 tay Sondagley. 9 ran. 13, Ind. (S Sporborg) Total E.O.C. (1.10, E.470, S.170, Dual P. C32.80. Trie: E48.70, CSP; E32.25.

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FA YOUTH CHALLERGE CUP: Final, second legs Liverpool (2) v West Ham (0).

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Laney learns in his leisure time

David Foot at Edgbaston

OT a lot is going Hampshire's way this summer. Too few players are running into early form and here they were without their injured captain John Stephenson and off-spinner Shaun Udal. Their first-day score of the second was hardly one

to remember.

Jason Laney, with wintry intent, wrapped up against the cold. It was a time to re-

thrust, rather like a crafty poacher bounding over a stile in pursuit of a confused quarry. Reeve, the buoyant beneficiary, then had two for nine from 12 overs.

Earlier he had Robin Smith similarly caught for what was for the batsman an oddly functional 20 — in front of son and off-spinner Shaun
Udal. Their first-day score of
242 for seven was hardly one
to remember.

Jason Laney, with wintry
intent, wrapped up against the cold. It was a time to reenforce his claims as an opener; and there was no

only the first wicket.

Faul Whittaker, bat held aloft as if he were stretching with an old-style school pole to open the loftiest window, offered some mid-order resistance, as did Adrian Aymes.

Benjamin's six off Neil Smith was a rare diversion.

warwickshire have been doing things triumphantly in triplicate over recent years. Maybe that is why their cakes were three times the going rate on some cricket grounds. They still remain a tasty tame even though Shaun Pol team, even though Shaun Pol-lock had to be content with only the first wicket.

opener; and there was no need to hurry. Indeed he watchfully, never wantonly. Stayed for well over four hours while making 73. This equalled his previous best in the championship.

Laney is a determined player and a willing learner. He was taken at the wicket off Dermot Reeve coming in as usual with his few leisurely took an eternity. Can there be an unspoken sympathetic fellow feeling among international contemporaries?

Occasional signs of impatience in their workrate by Hampshire could be detected on this patchy-looking wicket. Several batsmen were out as they hit across the line or tried to work to leg. Giles White, desperately searching for form, went this way.

Tour match: Sussex v Indians

Two lights is third degree

Jeremy Alexander sees the tourists huddle in Hove

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ISTORY was made here yesterday. Stereo head-phone commentary was on offer, free, to speciators for the first time at a cricket ground in Britain "subject to availability and suitable coach Desmond Haynes

Availability was no problem as 100 sets were more than enough to go round. But earmuffs were more suitable than headphones. The cricket was best neither heard nor

For the Indians, obliged to field, the conditions could not have been more inhospitable A sharp northerly rattled trouser legs and made a blizzard of the blossom, evoking thoughts of "c Fret, b Snow".

The beadphones were first used by punters watching horses in the paddock at York. Sussex this season are mostly selling-platers and

"English summers" after this. After four hours rain marcifully drove them off with Sussex on 190 for one, Eight 10th season and still unbowlers had been tried in numerous short spells to stop

anyone seizing solid. Srinath opened with five wicket Athey had padded and maidens down the hill, swing-paddled his way to 28, level ing the odd ball away among the basic inswing, but his partner Mhambrey could get neither foot nor arm right.

Seven no balls and mostly widish valid ones saw him off after three overs. It was nothing to do with Greenfield. He took 36 balls and 51 minutes to get off the mark in the 12th

The spinners had little chance of grip and none of the rhythm that comes from sum on the arm. India will hope for another 25 degrees Centi-grade for the first Test at Edg-

baston on June 6. Sussex have made a dismal start to the season. They did beat Ireland but after Mon-

locked them in the dressing room. The nets might have seemed more appropriate.

Sussex beat the West Indians by an imnings last year but since the trauma of their last was the final defect by West f NatWest final defeat by War-wickshire in 1993 their cricket has mostly been joy-less and rudderless. Athey and Jarvis, their recent injec-two lights of darkness and | tion of Yorkshire experience,

> yearlings but Athey and Greenfield at least showed resolution. Greenfield, in his capped, went past Athey once he unblocked himself and was 45 at lunch, taken at 101 for no

with extras. Greenfield was unlucky to go, chopping the captain Ten-dulker on to his stumps for 65 after an opening stand of 154. The dashing Speight, who missed last season with Post-Viral Syndrome, joined Athey as he moved on to 74. But this was no day for dashing, except to the pavilion.

Nottinghamshire v Lancashire

Minimalist approach brings Robinson maximum reward

David Hopps at Trent Bridge

DURING the spiritless days of early season, when the crowd is sparse and the weather bitingly cold, profes-sionalism comes under the sternest test. On such days, Tim Robinson comes into his

Robinson might have con-ceded the Nottinghamshire captaincy, but that does not mean he is about to enter a more flippent period. After 19 seasons, his earnest approach is embedded for life. Loose retirement by accumulating shots, like loose shoelaces, sports shops — largely in singles.

Against Lancashire yester-day, Robinson batted as if in a Nottinghamshire's 320 for four was an exercise in efficiency and minimal risk.
There was nary a blemish.
When the 12th man warded
off hypothermia by bringing out cups of hot tea, he even sipped that with a sound techsipped that with a sound tech-nique and economy of effort. Martin, definitely, and Chapple, perhaps, will be at the forefront of the England selectors' minds when they settle on a seam attack for the Texaco Trophy, but on a docile pitch of insignificant

in such inhospitable condi-tions, all Lancashire's man.

bounce, they summoned little

bowlers did well not to let their interest wander. They were rewarded by occasional miscalculations elsewhere: Pollard and Archer flat-batround and Archer harbar-ting catches to cover when well-set; Metcaife pulling an-other undeserving delivery to square leg. Robinson does not make a habit of such things. When the wind howls, one

wonders what keeps him going. As a trained accountant; he probably amuses himself by silently logging each discriminating run, and dividing it by the square root of itself.

His miscalculation, after 12 boundaries and 5% hours. day, Robinson batted as if in a came as a complete surprise thermal cocoon. His 122 in to everyone except Crawley, who hurried from cover to collect his workaday push into the offside and ran him out with a direct hit. It

seemed almost sneaky.
With the retirement of Ron Allsopp, that most character-ful of fellows, groundsman duties have been handed down to Frank Dalling, a member of the dynasty that ruled when Nottingham's pitches were among the flat-test in the country. As a captain, such unresponsive pitches might have given Robbounce, they summoned little inson a few restless nights, but as a batsman he will be able to sleep the sleep of a conscientious and satisfied

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Durham tailed and topped

DURHAM came off worse on a day of small wonders at Chester-le-Street as Yorkshire's Richard Stemp and Chris Silverwood put on 110 for the last wicket and Chris Scott took seven catches, respectively the worst and the best in the home side's inglorious first-class history, writes Chris Curtain.

Yorkshire, having mus-tered 335 thanks to the tail-enders and 90 from their

for a duck.

A fifth-wicket stand of 151 by John Owen (105) and Colin Wells (102 not out) retrieved Derbyshire after Glamorgan had conceded Dean Jones.

closed at 334 for five.

broken stand of 281.

Tim Hancock defied Somershire to 263 at Bristol.

Scoreboard

Britannic Assurance

County Championship (Today: 110)

D F Fulton b Such
W F Fleming c Rollins b Such
T R Ward c Rollins b Childs
C L Hooper c Hussain b Childs
G R Cowdrey not out
M A Esham not out
Extras (Rb3, nb6)

Total (for 4, 85.1 overs) 32.3 Fall of wholester 20, 45, 86, 373. To less 15.6 A Marsh, J B Thompson, M J McCague, M M Patel, N W Preston.

Bowrling: Ilott 19-8-61-0; Williams 8-1-42-0; Such 25.1-4-79-2; Childs

1-4-78-2; Irani 4-0-28-0; Law 4-1-23-0; Rocch 4-1-14-0.

Gooch 4-1-14-0. BESSENC G A Gooch, D D J Robinson, N Hussein, S G Liw, "P J Prichard, R C frant, 17A J Rollins, M C hon, N F Williams, P M Such, J H Childs. Umpäraer B Leadbeater and V A Holder.

DUBHAM Y YORKSHIRE

Chestar-lo-Street Durham (40th) hali Yorishire (3) by 316 name with seven tirelimings wickess standing. Youngsteam (5) by 316 name with seven tirelimings wickess standing. Youngsteam (5) A McGrath c Soot b Bests 00 M P Vaughan c Soot b Brown 10 Byes live b Soliting 22 M G Sevent c Soot b Bests 90 K G Sevent c Soot b Setts 90 K G White o Soot b Foster 90 S

Bowling: Gough 4-1-9-1; Hartley 4-1-10-2

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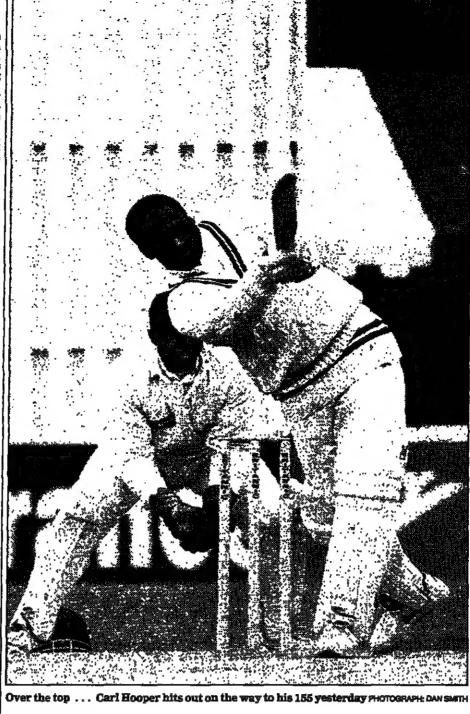
classy Australian Michael Bevan, then reduced the hapless newcomers to 19 for three at the close. Dar-ren Gough, returning to fine all-round form by the day, first clouted 43 then had the so far disappoint-ing Sherwin Campbell lbw

only 51 runs in silencing the hig guns of Kim Bar-nett, Chris Adams — who fell to an inspiring cap-tain's catch by Matthew Maynard in the slips — and the

Owen's five-hour ton, his second of the season, ended shortly before his side Tom Moody tried seven

bowlers at Grace Rand as a weakened Worcestershire attack conceded 481 for four with James Whitaker (145 not out) and Aftab Ha-bib (143 not out) setting a fifth-wicket record for Leicestershire with an un-

erset for four hours for 89 — his best in two years — and added 122 with the England wicketkeeper Jack Russell (63) to see Glouces-



Hooper reigns sublime

It is a little like crown green bowls. The ground has the shape of an inverted saucer so the outfield, already fast and bumpy, is downhill in all directions.

The poor bowler is required to trundle uphill while the batsman looks down upon him, physically and symboli-cally, with a baleful stare. Bowlers must feel like those who attempted to storm castles and had boiling oil poured on their heads from lofty turrets.

In such conditions even an ordinary batsman can look like an emperor — and Carl Hooper is no ordinary bats-man. He scored a sublime 155 yesterday and faced only 174 balls. He hit 20 fours and three sixes, two off successive

23-5-2-0.
QLANDRGAN: S P James, H Morris, A Dale, "M P Maynard, P A Cottey, G P Sutcher. R D B Croft, 'D D Gibson, S D Thomas, 7C P Melson, S, L Weight, Geophrey, A Whitsheed and D Shepherd.

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RT Robinson rut but 122
G F Archer of Speak b Mardin 48
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P Johnson not out 31
C L Calme not out 31
Estras (56, lbS, w1, nb6) 20

. 394

over midwicket and mid-on—
and another, straight, off
John Childs with which he
got off the mark third ball. Between lunch and tea he
the hand-rubbing fielders yesmoved from 45 to 151 and with | terday was the man in the ice-Graham Cowdrey he added 224 in 49 overs.

Hooper was out to a mis-judged but ultimately excel-lent catch by Nasser Hussain at deep square-leg. The rain drove the players from the field shortly afterwards with Kent 323 for four and Cowdrey, full of square drives, 90 To make things worse for

Essex the wicket was flat and the weather bitterly cold. As his second 50 — his quickest the wind speared in from Si—came from 31 balls. beria, Essex must have wondered if they had done the
right thing in moving this festival week forward from the
triangle of thine.

Essex had made a group
start to the day after losing
the toss. Peter Such, in his
second over, had Matthew
Fleming caught behind. Then
Thing Childs dismissed Trevor

championship cricket at Ward and when Such bowled Chelmsford in June and July David Fulton Kent were 89 for deliveries from Stuart Law - last season and members

T H C Hamocak flow b Lee
A Symonote c & b Lee
M W Alleyne c Turner b Lee
YR C Russeal c Caddick b Shine
M C J Ball c Lathwell b Lee
I P pavis c turner b Rose
J Lewis b Caddick
A M Smith b Rose
C A Wash not out
Extres (b8, w3, ab to)

†A N Aymes not out
W K M Benjamin low b Giles
R J Maru not out
Extras (b7, ib7, nb4)

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cream van.

Hooper often plays like this against Essex. This was his third successive champion-

ship century against them

(there was also a Sunday League hundred at Maidstone

in 1993) and this was almost

as memorable as his 160 at Chelmsford two years ago when he struck nine sixes

and as many fours. Yesterday

he batted for 3hr 22min and

Total (for 1, 55 overs)

Total (for 1, 55 overs)

Pall of wickets 164.

To best "A P Wells, N J Lenbarn, D R C, Law; †P Moores, J D Lewey, N C Phillips, P W Jervis, E S M Siddins.

Browlings Srinath 12-7-62-0; Minambrey, 7-1-34-0; Ganguly 8-1-22-0; Joshi 13-2-33-0; Hirusani 4-0-12-0; Venicatepathy Raju 13-3-19-0; Tendulkar 9-1-68-1; Jastejs 3-0-10-0.

IMMANIS N S Sidhiy, A D Jadeja, S V Manjratar, "S R Tendulkar, †R Drawid, S Ganguly, S Joshi, J Srinats, P Mhambrey, Venicatapathy Raju, N D Hirvani.

Brophweer M J Kitchen and A A Jones.

Featurette: Cambridge University 300-7 det (W J House 127). Middlesex 21-1. Tise Perkis Northamptonshire 355-2 dec (R R Montgomerte 128, D J Roberts 72, M B Loye 67no, T G Walton 55no). Oxford University 25-1. Second XI Championship

Southampston: Warwickshire 248 (C. R. Howelf St; Mascarenhas 4-42) and 319-4 (etc. (C. R. Howelf St. N. Burne St. M. D. Lickmonds 57no). Hampstire 130 (Altree 5-55) and 208 (L. J. Bothern 54; Abree 4-62). Warwickshire won by 231 runs. WARWICKSHIRE V HARPSHIRE
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342 for soven against Warwickstüre (3).
MAMPSHIRE
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R S M Morris c Ostler b Pollock
J S Leney o Ploer b Reeve
R S James libre b Welch
R A Smith c Piper b Reeve
G W White bub S Smith
P R Whitaker c Ostler b Giles
J A N Aymes not out Bain Hogg Trophy

Bractford Yorkshire 300-7 (C A Chapman 76, B Purker 73). Nottinghamshire 221 (M P Dowman 81; Fisher 4-43). Yorkshire won by 79 runs. Unterlidger Leicestershire 279-6 (J M De-idn 81). Middlesex 212 (K P Dutch 55, A G Norman 62no). Leicestershire won by 67 runs.

Starting today BAIN HOGO TROPHY (One day, 11.0): Bishop Anckland: Durham v

Total (for 7, 108 overs) 242
Faib 24, 70, 117, 154, 158, 178, 275.
To bets C A Counter, 8 M Milburn.
Bowlings Pollock 25-9-92-1; Brown
12-4-36-0; Welch 15-5-39-1; Glies
25-19-36-2; Reeve 18-8-20-2; Smith
11-5-32-1.
WARMICCENHIPS W G Khan, N V Knight,
D P Ostler, T L Panney, "D A Reeve, S M
Pollock, D R Brown, N M K Smith, "K J
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Using the second time policits, are averaged. Winnesseam Wornesterahire v Somerast.

The former England Test player Peter Walker has been appointed the Board of Walse's first director of oriclest devalopment and says he wante to set up an Assimilara-style scaderny in the Principality.

The one-tipe Gizmorgan all-rounder takes up his post on June 1 and is already planning a trip to Australia taker this year when he will meet Rodney Mersh, director of the Melitourne-based scadenty.

"I am a great triand of Rodney and hope to eee how the Australian system works." said Walse. "I want to see how they get players in from all over the contrivy and develop them from the age of 12."

Walser will have responsibility for ehaping and implementing a structure for young crickaters in Walse, and will work closely with the national coach Tom Cartwright.

succession of minor technical

For Hakkinen, this was a the routine refuelling stops is confidence-booster that what truly matters. underlined his complete

Motor Racing Hill put under pressure by McLaren pair

Alan Henry in Monte Carlo

AMON HILL and the AMON HILL and the Williams team kept their cards close to their chest in yesterday's first free practice session for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix. Yet the fact that Hill was only second fastest through the unyielding corridor of steel bar-riers offered further convincing evidence that the opposition is catching up fast. Mika Hakkinen and David

Coulthard set first and third fastest times in their McLaren-Mercades MP4/11s. sustaining the positive trend that saw Coulthard lead the first 20 laps of the San Marino

qualifying session.

"You've got to get on pole position here," said Hill, "be-cause when you do you have got the race in the palm of your hand. It's such an unfor-

Last year the qualifying set-up here was spot-on but the race set-up wasn't, and this year we don't want to make the same mistake."

be quickest. We still have decades ago.

plenty of work to do in developing the chassis and engine. oping the chassis and engine, and when we get that right, and I can be comfortably quickest, then we can seriously go for it. At the moment I'm a bit on the ragged edge, almost touching the barriers. It's spectacular but it's not what I really like."

Fourth fastest yesterday was Rubens Barrichello's Jor-

dan-Peugeot ahead of Jean Alesi's Benetton-Renault and the Ligier-Mugan Honda of Olivier Panis. Jacques Ville-neuve, whose late father Gilles scored a sensational victory for Ferrari here in 1981, wound up seventh fast-est in the second Williams.

The Canadian's previous first 20 laps of the San Marino
Grand Prix a fortnight ago.

Admittedly the McLaren
drivers resorted to a final run
on fresh rubber at the end of
the session — a temptation
that Hill resisted — but both
emerged quietly confident
that there is more to come in
tomorrow's crucial timed

The Canadian's previous
experience of the track has
been confined to a few inconclusive outings in the Formula Three supporting race.
"But that's got nothing to do
with driving a grand prix car
here," he said. "To be honest,
30 laps is not enough to learn
the circuit."

More sanguine was the world champion Michael Schumacher, last year's win-ner, who was a distant 11th in his Ferrari F310 because of a giving circuit that you always know it will jump up and bite you if you let it.

"I had one hairy moment when the back end slid away from me and I thought I would lose a rear wheel on the barrier, but I was lucky. Last year the qualifying ast.

Hill may believe that pole position is the key to Monaco success but Schumacher proved with Benetton last year that being ahead after

The cool German will be gorecovery from serious head injuries sustained during practice for last year's Australian GP. "It's just; a free practice session," he said, "but it means a lot for me to the guidelest."

The cutoff cerman will be got ing hard for a win on Sunday, but if Williams can employ the same shrewd tactics as they did at Imola, Hill might add a first Monaco win to the got the same shrewd tactics as they did at Imola, Hill might add a first Monaco win to the decedes accept.

Edberg wins a longer goodbye

ing his last year of top tennis, spends virtually every day saying goodbye. showed little resolve or fight. every day saying goodbye. Goran Ivanisevic must have dearly wished the 30-year-old Swede had turned to the huge crowd at the Foro Italico yes-terday and uttered his arrive-derci Roma there and then. Instead it was the Croatian, the No. 2 seed at this Italian often," he said, "This court

Open, who was forced to wave his Roman goodbye. Edberg, playing in this tournament for only the third time in his illustrious career, defeated Ivanisevic 6-4, 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals.

The compo centrale was ecstatic. It seemed everybody was on Edberg's side and the occasional cries of "Goran. Goran" were almost mournful. A Croatian explosion occasion Ivanisavic controlled his temper. Controlling his ground strokes was altogether more difficult.
"The way I am playing no-

body can help me," a morose Ivanisevic said afterwards. "I Ivanisevic, who was left by his coach Bob Brett last year,

was asked if he had tactical awful retribution. problems against Edberg. "Listen, if I am playing well I met 15 times, with the Croat | 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

this counted for much. Ivant-sevic's confidence was low

The dark mood was upon him, and his returns regularly lodged into the net.

suits me; it's quite quick, es-pecially when the sun is out." Edberg's six grand slam title were all won on grass or hard courts; he was runnerup to Michael Chang on the Paris clay in 1989. "To win the French Open this year would be some dream. Anybody can play well on clay for a week — to play for two weeks is the tricky part. I sup-pose I have a tiny little

The rush was on for campo centrale with the news that the No. 1 seed Thomas Muster had lost the first set & 1 against Todd Martin. Muster has spent all week complain-ing about the lack of top am just playing bad, bad Americans in Rome; suddenly it seemed that one good of boy from Hinsdale, Illinois, was about to inflict an

Martin's early play was remarkable but if anybody don't need tactics." can dig deep on clay it is the Ivanisevic and Edberg had mean Muster. He duly won

Rugby League

Quinnell spurns Wales

Richmond in the autumn, has declined a place in the Wales squad for this summer's European Championship, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. The national coach Clive Griffith lamented the loss of

the big Wigan second-row when he named his squad yesterday for the opening game against France on June 5, saying: "Scott said he would rather not play because of the injury risk. It's a massive loss. "Scott has made his game infinitely better and now he's going back to union a better player [but] if the players

want to go and the money's there, they'd be daft not to." As last year, Griffiths has used the relaxing of the eligibility rule to assemble a credible squad, bringing in three newcomers in Halifax's teenaged scrum-half Craig Dean and the Keighley pair Jason Critchley and Andy Eyres. WALES: Banks: Atcheson (Oldham) Bateman (Cronuls), Corde (Bratford) Critichley (Keighley), Dean (Haillas) Deverent (Widne), A Syrus (Keighley)

SCOTT QUINNELL, who reconverts to union with Richmond in the autumnt, has declined a place in the Wales squad for this summer's Europass Championship. writes water, Young (all Saforo).

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Tyson ducks **Lewis** fight

Kevin Mitchell

ENNOX LEWIS's show down with Mike Tyson has been snatched from his grasp at the negotiating table. "Tyson is not going to fight Lennox. Tyson will va-cate the WBC belt rather than fight Lennox," Lewis's finan-cial backer Panos Eliades conceded last night.

Sounding exhausted after all-night transatiantic talks with Tyson's promoter Don King, the most talkative man on the planet, Eliades added:
"They are all running scared
of us. Tyson is just going to
walk away from the WBC."
In return Lewis can meet

Riddick Bowe in Las Vegas in September and, assuming he wins, fight for the vacant World Boxing Council title. most probably against Oliver McCall, the American who dethroned him by knockout two years ago.
As soon as Eliades has

agreed compensation — "Don't forget I spent \$750,000 on the court cases up to date on the court cases up to date so they've got to pay that back because they're driven me to hell and back" — Tyson can challenge the World Boxing Association titleholder Bruce Seldon, a fellow King fighter, in Las Vegas on July 13.

Soth Absolute of the pay

Seth Abraham of the pay-TV channel Home Box Office said everything changed yes-terday when Bowe's manager Rock Newman settled his dif-ferences with HBO, giving Abraham an alternative to

Abraham, interestingly for someone close to the game, thinks that Tyson is not prepared to fight Lewis or Bowe. "I have said on many occasions that Don King is a very good judge of boxing talent. Having waited this long to get Mike out of prison, to start his climb back to get the belts, he is not going to risk it when there are men like Bruce Seldon out there."

SPANIARD SETS THE PACE IN ARCTIC OXFORDSHIRE



Faldo returns with an ace

David Davies sees the Masters champion defy the conditions and hit a hole in one

nates in the numbness of northern Norway, moves malevolently across the North Sea, and. in the fullness of time, hurls it-self against the open hillside that is The Oxfordshire golf

Yesterday, with the wind-chill factor taking the tem-perature down to a mere horrible, just horrible."

HE WIND, when it i degree above freezing point whistles in from the i the competitors in the Benson North-east. original Hedges International wore more woolly hats than you see on Ski Sunday and more mit-tens than are needed in St Moritz as they fought to delay the

onset of hypothermia.

"This was just a survival day," said Nick Faldo, delighted with his two-underpar 70, while Colin Montgomerie, after a 72, said: "It was

Jimenez, more accustomed to the balmy breezes of Malaga, could not keep out the cold with a shirt, three sweaters and his waterproofs, but managed a 68.

Faldo got an internal glow going when he holed in one at the 171-yard 13th. "It was needed," he said. "I couldn't feel my hands from the 8th onwards, even with mitts on. Seventy was a great score on a day like that.

The hole in one was achieved with a seven-iron, unusual in that Faldo has had seven aces all told, the other

The leader. Miguel Angel | six all being with a six-iron. | been trying to get those same feelings back," he said. "I've been looking at videos of me It took the Masters champion from two over par to level and birdies at the 17th taken then and it's paying and 18th took him under par for the first time. The 585-yard Baker has had two top-10 places and two top 20s already 17th has a double fairway,

places and two top as already
this season as a result of curing an old fault. "When I'm
playing poorly," he said, "my
legs and hips fly about all
over the place, like Fred
Astaire on a bad day." split by water and a narrow green intended to receive a wedged third shot. But professionals are programmed to see par-fives as holes where they must get up in two. Yes-terday there was an 11, a 10, Langer's 69 was notable for two nines, two eights and every other score down to the eagle three of Wayne Westner. the absence of any short putts

missed. The German came close, as he admitted yester-day, to succumbing to the Faldo's four was secured by hitting a 224-yard two-iron over the water to a grass bunyips for the fourth time in the United States this year. But er in irout of the greet then chipping to two feet. Then he birdied the last as well, holing a slippery down-hiller from 21 feet. It was put feels able to pray about such things and he asked "for wis-dom and for healing". He said of his putting yesterday: to him afterwards that he must be glad to be back from America. "Yeah," he said laconically, "it was 35 degrees for two weeks before I left."

There is a strong-looking "There was not one stroke that was bad, and most were Sweden's Anders Fors-

brand was disqualified after a blunder at the 17th. He took a free drop when his ball was embedded. The ball rolled cast immediately behind Jimenez, featuring Peter Baker, Jean Van de Velde, Bernhard Langer and Howard Clark, all into a bunker and he played it, whereas he should have re-Baker spent long months during our designated winter

dropped.

Forsbrand signed for a bogey six at the hole and a round of 78. By not adding a two-stroke penalty for his mistake he had signed for a wrong score.

A welcome response to green peace



HE Peace Match in good old Dublin tomor row will be an ardent and affecting event, that's for sure, although those unaware of its concept or of rugby might think that a fix-ture labelled Ireland versus the Barbarians can be anything but pacific.

The occasion restores a lusire to a game's tarnished image from a season of quarrel and mayhem, and is the brainchild of Ireland's former dandy and genial ball-playing full-back Hugo MacNeill, who telephoned from the South a fellow Lion from the North, the rusty-haired touchline trampler Trevor Ringland, and suggested they combine put on a gala international match that proclaimed sport's pining for a restoration of the peace that had so briefly en-riched the whole island dur-

ing the ceasefire.
"Rugby has always drawn
the Irish together irrespective of creed or politics, so let's embellish the idea of a new peace and the futility of vioence," was the gist of the Catholic MacNeill's proposal to his Protestant friend.

Being closer to the barricades, Ringland was uncer-tain. "But when friends said why not?' I rang Hugo and said 'great, let's go for it'." Sport has so often averted its eyes and let the real world

go by. In Ireland it couldn't, of course, nine springtimes ago when three Ulster rughy men drove down to Dublin for World Cup squad practice. David Irwin was driving his passengers were Philip

they approached the Killeen border post a bomb was detonated that killed the judge Mr Justice Gibson and his wife. Their injuries from the blast were not enough to stop

Irwin and Rainey travelling to the World Cup but to all intents Carr, that athletic whizz of a hard flanker, never played serious rugby again. The three of them, for sure, will be at Lansdowne Road tomorrow

Soccer still fields two sepa-rate national teams — repre-senting Ulster's IFA and the and hockey select representa-tive sides from all Ireland. The hurling and football of the

Gaelic Athletic Association also embrace all 32 counties, though in the North those games might be said to be acci-dentally divisive. Only Catholics play them.
But the GAA still retains its

ban up there on any player who was a member of the RUC or British security forces. In genuflection to MacNeill and Ringland and the goodness of sport, why doesn't the GAA tomorrow morning announce the end forthwith of that archaic blackball? Catholics in the North are

occer through and through. No Catholic school plays rugby. The last Catholic to ap-pear for Ulster was probably

the City of Derry's lock Mark McFeeley, 15 years ago. Meanwhile, Ulster's rugby remains, well, interesting. While the individual clubs have minimal support and put out very weak XVs in the all-ireland club leagues, when the best play collectively as Ulster they have become almost un-beatable and up to last season won the island's inter-provincial championship outright nine times in 10 years. In an Ulster shirt they perceive every match as an heroic one for their province's deflant and beleaguered destiny.

My most touching memory of the proof of Irish rugby's glorious unity was in the Triple Crown year of 1985 when, against France in Dublin, a replacement lock, Brian McCall, came on to pack down behind the prop Jim McCoy and the hooker and captain Ciaran Fitzgerald.

IRST scrummage, there was McCall, with his stubbled chin clamped between the haunches of the two hairy-arsed front-row toughs. McCall, born in Belfast, was a captain in the British Army. McCoy was a cop in the RUC. Fitzgerald was a commandantmajor in the Irish national army. The three of them heav-

ing for one green-party cause. At cricket, Ireland lost Tuesday at pastoral Egimton They fielded seven from the North and four from the South. A few years ago, Ian Botham was due to play at Eg-linton on a Monday. The night before, he said the evening might be dull because of UIster's stricter Sabbath licens-ing laws. But he was still convivially holding forth in the pavilion bar at 4am — to show that the certain unifying force among sportsmen, north and south, is a predilection for the nice taste of a drink. As they shall discover again this aus-picious weekend in Dublin when North meets South meets the world to swell the clamour for peace.

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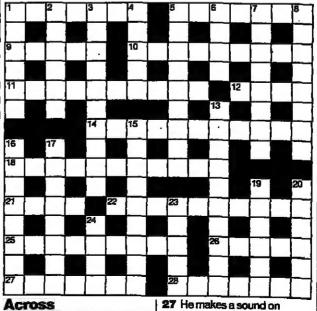
of the Ryder Cup team. "T've

are so afraid of death that they someone else dealt with it for them. Also it is a fact that in America if you tried harder you wouldn't be in that position. You may be 90 and have worked hard all your life, but the attitude is, if you tried harder, you'd still be 18." Nicholas Wroe

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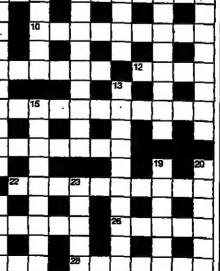
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